



There's a lot at stake for Massachusetts families in November. The charter school industry is seeking to raise the number of charter schools in our state. **Charter schools already drain more than \$450 million from district public schools.** Our children can't afford any additional loss of funds. **Get the facts.**

YES ON 2 AD CLAIMS	THE FACTS
<p>Question 2 will make public education even stronger, because Question 2 would allow more access to public charter schools, so parents have more choices for their kids' education.</p> <p>FALSE</p>	<p>Charters can't be considered public schools. Charter schools are essentially private schools funded with public dollars. They are privately run and not accountable to their local communities.</p>
<p>Charter schools don't take funds away from public education.</p> <p>FALSE</p>	<p>State data shows they do. Public school districts will lose more than \$450 million to charter schools this year. Source: "Projected FY17 Charter School Tuition and Enrollment, By District."¹</p>
<p>Question 2 will result in more funding for education in Massachusetts.</p> <p>FALSE</p>	<p>"Read the question," says the ad title. We did. There is no mention of funding in Question 2.² Education funding is up to the Legislature — and that funding has fallen short. Our public schools are underfunded by more than \$1 billion, according to a nonpartisan state commission.³ And, since 2013, the Legislature has shortchanged reimbursements to districts that lose money to charters.⁴</p> <p>More than 125 School Committees have voted to oppose Question 2, and not one has voted to support it. The Massachusetts Municipal Association, also opposed, says that nothing in Question 2 would mitigate the negative financial impact on local public schools, nor would it "make the system more accountable and transparent to municipal officials and local taxpayers."⁵</p>

1. <http://www.doe.mass.edu/charter/finance/tuition/fy17/projection.html>. 2. <http://www.mass.gov/ago/docs/government/2015-petitions/15-31-summary.pdf> 3. <http://senatorchangdiaz.com/pressreleases/bipartisan-commission-issues-report-calling-improvements-school-funding-formula> 4. http://www.massbudget.org/report_window.php?loc=Charter-School-Funding,-Explained.html 5. <https://www.mma.org/local-aid-and-finance/16803-mma-board-votes-to-oppose-charter-school-question>