



QUESTION 2 IS BAD FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Question 2 would allow the state to approve 12 new Commonwealth charter schools every year forever, eventually draining billions of dollars from our schools. It would encourage charters to expand into cities and towns where they don't exist now, taking critical resources away from successful public schools.

LOST FUNDING

This year, charters will divert more than \$450 million from public schools. That's money schools desperately need to offer more science, technology, arts and music classes, as well as preschool services and smaller class sizes. The money should be kept in the public schools for the benefit of all students.

NO LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Charter schools are not accountable to local communities. The state often approves them over the opposition of local parents and taxpayers. That's wrong. Communities should have the final say on what kinds of schools they want.

'SEPARATE AND UNEQUAL' EDUCATION

Charter schools create a two-track system described by the NAACP as "separate and unequal." They typically underserve English language learners and special needs students, leaving public schools with fewer resources to educate a higher-need population.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Our opponents have millions of dollars from hedge funds and corporate backers. We rely on people power to stand up for children in our public schools. **Sign up to volunteer at SaveOurPublicSchoolsMA.com.**