MCPSA Legislative Priorities - 2020 Legislative Session

The following are the MCPSA Legislative Priorities based on information from our 2019 MCPSA Membership Survey. The top 4 priorities are listed in order of importance by Full Members (based on survey feedback). While MCPSA Government Affairs personnel and contractors will utilize this information in our efforts around all the policy priorities of greatest importance to you, the priority with the highest ranking will be the primary focus of MCPSA advocacy.

1. Charter School Funding:
   - Correct the current charter school funding mechanism in statute.
   - Ensure that all charter public schools are funded equitably.

2. Charter School Enrollment of Employee Children:
   - Allow charter schools to enroll nonresident pupils who are children of current employees as long as the school is not denying a resident pupil of a seat.
   - Establish the provisions of receiving payment for nonresident students.

3. Charter Schools and Summer School:
   - Allow charter schools to require summer school attendance as part of the regular school calendar.

4. Charter School Expansion:
   - Allow charter schools to open in any charter county or city with a population of 30,000 or more citizens.
   - Allow the local school district board the right of first refusal to sponsor a new charter school.

2019 – 20 MCPSA Legislative Advisory Council

The following are this year’s 2019-20 MCPSA Legislative Advisory Council (LAC) Members. The Legislative Advisory Council (LAC) assists the MCPSA Staff and Board of Directors informing MCPSA with legislative policy priorities and at times determining positions on state legislation that impact membership. They also communicate priorities and positions as well as participate in providing testimony and actively advocating for Association Membership priorities. The 7 Member LAC is comprised of up to 3 charter school leaders, 1 higher education sponsor, 1 alternative sponsor, 1 member of the MCPSA Board of Directors and the MCPSA Board of Directors’ Chair. The LAC is moderated by the MCPSA Executive Director.

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