



## **Why Support New Pacific School**

- Last year's school closures had a devastating impact on students and families. Parents got an up-close look at the kind of schooling their kids were receiving – and a growing number didn't like what they saw. Now more than ever, parents are looking for educational options. Nationwide parents are getting engaged in the public debate over public schools (see the Politico article below from yesterday)
- New Pacific School is a TK-12 school with a rigorous learning plan and a mission to produce self-motivated, responsible citizens, critical problem-solvers, and lifelong learners. You can learn more about what makes our program unique at [www.newpacificschool.org](http://www.newpacificschool.org)
- Charter schools provide choice and competition in the public school sector which, in turn, makes all schools better. Just look at Natomas Unified: 30% of the students there attend charter schools. Natomas continues to be a destination for young families because of the outstanding portfolio of public-school options.
- Despite the positive impact charter schools have had since 1993, it's becoming much harder to get new charter schools approved in California. It's always been a little backwards to have a school district approve a competitor -- like having Taco Bell approve a new mom-and-pop taco shop. It doesn't make a lot of sense.
- But in 2018, Democrats in the legislature worked with Governor Newsome to change the criteria for approving a charter school more subjective and narrow appeal rights. Now it's easy for school districts to just say no to competition – even if the data shows that there are big gaps in learning and there are parents looking for options. In Rancho Cordova, we collected almost twice the number of parent signatures required by law to start a new school.
- Never the less, California State Law still states *that it is the intent of the Legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system and that the establishment of charter schools should be encouraged.*
- That's why we need your support. We need to remind community leaders and decision-makers that not one-size doesn't fit all. Parents and students deserve choices. And competition and choice is critical for accountability and quality in the public school system.
- You might have guessed that we're facing organized opposition from labor unions – both local and state CSEA. They have a lot of influence. I understand that they are scared about losing their jobs but the reality is that a small charter school in a large, growing community is not a threat: It's a tremendous asset for families and students who need a different approach.



### Call to Action

The RJUSD board will vote on the New Pacific Charter on February 10. Our friends on the RJUSD board need to hear from community leaders now, especially because they are likely to face pressure from labor.

***Would you be willing to make a call, send a letter, or show up to testify in support of school choice in Roseville?***

Take Action to Support School Choice in Roseville Now

- Write a [letter of support](#) to the RJHUSD Board President, Scott Huber
- [RSVP to attend the hearing](#) on February 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- Share this [FAQ about New Pacific School – Roseville](#)

### Resources

#### Background Articles

- [Omicron Closures Surge GOP school choice push](#) Politico 1/18/22
- [Surgeon general warns of youth mental health crisis amid COVID-19](#) Fox News 12/7/21
- [The issue of school redesign: If not now, when?](#) K-12 Dive 12/17/21

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