

(School Name) wants to make sure that you are aware of the lawsuit against schools like us that will be heard by the Louisiana Supreme Court on September 5, 2017. Opponents of these schools, called Type 2 charter schools, are claiming that we are not public schools and therefore, should not be funded as such. We are a public school. We follow the same laws, take the same tests and open our doors to everyone for free. We believe (School Name), teachers, and our students deserve this funding just like any other public school.

This ruling will have a profound impact on the educational choices parents have in picking a school that is best for their child – one of the most important decisions you will ever make. (School Name) is glad to offer you a choice, and we firmly believe it makes all schools better. Forcing children into schools that don't meet their learning needs is just wrong.

At some point, we may need your help. As a parent, you are the most influential stakeholder, and your voice is critical for students and schools; especially if the ruling is against us. We will need the Governor and lawmakers to support our schools and find dollars to fund our classrooms. We know that when the time comes, you will advocate for your child and our school.

We expect a ruling by October, and will keep you informed. In the meantime, please know that for the last four years the Louisiana Association of Public Charters schools has been fighting this battle through the courts. For now, we will continue to amplify their efforts via social media and invite you to add your voice as well.

We appreciate your support of our students as well as the other 16,000 students who have chosen to attend Type 2 public charter schools like (School Name).