

March 13th, 2025

Dear Members of the California Senate Education Committee,

On behalf of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), I am pleased to submit this letter in strong support of SB 64, the School Choice Flex Account Act of 2025. ACSI is the largest Protestant school association and one of the largest accreditors of Christian schools in the United States, serving over 330 schools in California and 2,250 member schools nationwide. Additionally, ACSI serves over 5.5 million students worldwide, helping them access a high-quality, faith-based education that prepares them for academic and personal success.

SB 64 represents a transformative step forward for California families by expanding educational access and empowering parents to choose the best educational setting for their children. School Choice Flex Accounts (SCFAs), will allow families regardless of financial status to decide where their child's education dollars will be spent.

Parents are the primary decision-makers in their children's education. They are best positioned to determine the learning environment that aligns with their values, beliefs, and academic aspirations. Unfortunately, many California families face financial barriers that restrict their ability to choose faith-based or other alternative educational options. SB 64 removes these barriers, fostering an environment where all students—regardless of income or background—have access to high-quality educational opportunities.

Additionally, SB 64 safeguards the autonomy of private and faith-based schools, ensuring that they maintain their distinct missions and educational philosophies without unnecessary state interference. The bill provides families with real educational choices while upholding the constitutional freedoms of private schools.

We strongly urge you to support SB 64 and stand with California families in promoting educational freedom and opportunity for all. By supporting SB 64, California can invest in educational excellence and innovation. Expanding school choice strengthens communities, supports parental rights, and ensures that every student has the opportunity to thrive in an educational setting that best meets their needs.

Sincerely,

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