

Charter school advocates raise PAC money

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Despite the state Supreme Court ruling that charters are unconstitutional, supporters are fighting to keep them alive here.

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Charter-school supporters are raising money for the campaigns of Washington state lawmakers who have championed their cause since the state Supreme Court declared that the state's voter-approved charter-school law unconstitutional.

The [Washington State Charter Schools Association](#) announced on Thursday the creation of a political-action committee called Act Now for Washington Students.

The PAC already has contributed more than \$20,000 to the campaign accounts of 24 lawmakers from both parties in the House and Senate.

The next legislative session begins in January, and public elected officials [will not be allowed to accept contributions](#) until the session adjourns. Meanwhile, the PAC hopes to raise more than \$500,000 by the end of the session, the association says.

Democrats for Education Reform, the League of Education Voters, Stand for Children and The Washington Roundtable are also partners in the PAC, according to the association.

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