

Partnering with Parents in Alum Rock Since 2014

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What does Public Advocates do?

Local and State Policy Advocacy and Impact Litigation to improve opportunities and outcomes for high-need students through a Community Partnership Model



Major Education Litigation

- Serrano v. Priest (1968): the district-to-district disparities present in the state's old finance system violated the equal protection clause.
- Williams v. California: 2004 settlement established rights to qualified teachers, sufficient standards-aligned textbooks, and facilities in good repair.
- **Renee v. Duncan** (2010): challenged the U.S. Department of Education's designation of intern teachers as "highly qualified" under NCLB.
- **Campaign for Quality Education v. California** (2016): challenged the adequacy of funding in California.
- **Community Coalition and Reyna Frias v. LAUSD**: First case to enforce LCFF. 2017 settlement for \$150 million in new services for high-need students.

Local Control Funding Formula & CA School Dashboard

At the state and local level, we support:

- Meaningful community engagement
- Transparency and accountability, especially regarding funds generated by high-need students
- Creation and implementation of a multiple measures accountability system



Public Advocates in ARUESD

- Provided LCFF and LCAP trainings and technical assistance to immigrant parents since 2014-2015
- 2017-2018 Goal: promote meaningful engagement and fiscal transparency to rebuild a culture of trust and improved opportunities and outcomes for students.
 - Trainings/TA responsive to parent priorities (e.g. Brown Act, SARC analysis)
 - Empower parents to improve students outcomes for LCAP advocacy

Questions?



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