

SERVICES RELATED TO CHARTER SCHOOL NEGOTIATIONS AND LEGAL OBLIGATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

In 07-08, there were 80 charter schools in the state of Oregon. In response to well-funded incentive and initial implementation grants, more charters are formed, proposed, and launched every year. As districts work through the initial proposal and contract negotiation phase with many of these charters and enter the process of assessing whether the charter agreement has been met and whether the contract should be renewed, a new type and level of skills is required.

Andrea Hungerford has provided a wide variety of legal services and consultation to over 100 school districts in Oregon over the past 14 years, working exclusively with schools in the areas of personnel, contract management, student rights, and special education, among others. She is also the founder and board chair of a public charter school that is in its third year of operation in the Oregon City School District.

Given the exponential growth of charters and the interest on the part of districts to establish positive, mutually beneficial working relationships with the charters they agree to sponsor, Andrea is expanding her practice to focus on assisting districts and charters through this process. She is available to assist district in negotiations involving:

- * The initial application process;
- * Charter renewals;
- * Charter contract negotiations;
- * Lease and property agreements;
- * Establishing systems to monitor a charter's progress toward the goals outlined in its contract;
- * Legal advice in the areas of school and charter law, special education, funding issues, and personnel matters; and
- * Assistance with disputes and troubleshooting needs that arise along the way.

Andrea's approach is to assist with negotiations in a collaborative manner, in order to effectively problem solve, form and maintain positive working relationships, and find win-win solutions.

Please feel free to contact Andrea at (503) 650-7990 or andrea@hungerfordlaw.com to discuss how she can assist your school district in navigating the charter process and forming a positive district-charter working relationship.