



Meg Whitman's Education Plan

Full information available at: http://www.megwhitman.com/userfiles/pdfs/policy_agenda.pdf)

1. **Consolidate Existing Categorical Programs** - Collapse the state's more than 50 categorical grants into simplified grants for special education, rewarding outstanding teachers and schools, and other programs that contribute to greater student achievement. The remaining state funding will flow directly to local school districts in the form of a unified block grant that can be used as local administrators, principals, teachers and parents deem best.
2. **Teacher Recruitment and Training** - Provide special bonuses to high-achieving teachers, administrators, and schools.
3. **Charter Schools** – Eliminate the cap on charter schools.
4. **Grade schools A-F** – Institute a system that grades our schools A-F so parents can easily understand how well their children's school is performing. The grades will be posted online and parents will be given the option of transferring their kids out of failing schools or converting to a charter school. Meg will also support other interventions for underperforming schools, such as school closures and staff replacement, to hold schools accountable for their performance.
5. **Establish a Fast-Track Parent Process for Charter School Conversion** - If a school receives an F grade, the parents in that school district can immediately petition to turn the school into a charter school. It would only require a fast-track election and a simple majority vote to change the status.
6. **Higher Education** – Invest \$1 billion of the savings from her welfare and other budgetary reforms into the UC and CSU systems.
7. **Utilize Alternative Paths to the Class room to Attract High-Quality Teachers** - California suffers from a lack of math and science teachers who were actually educated in those disciplines. Create and strengthen alternative pathways to the classroom that allow professionals with math and science backgrounds to receive expedited accreditation to teach in our public schools.