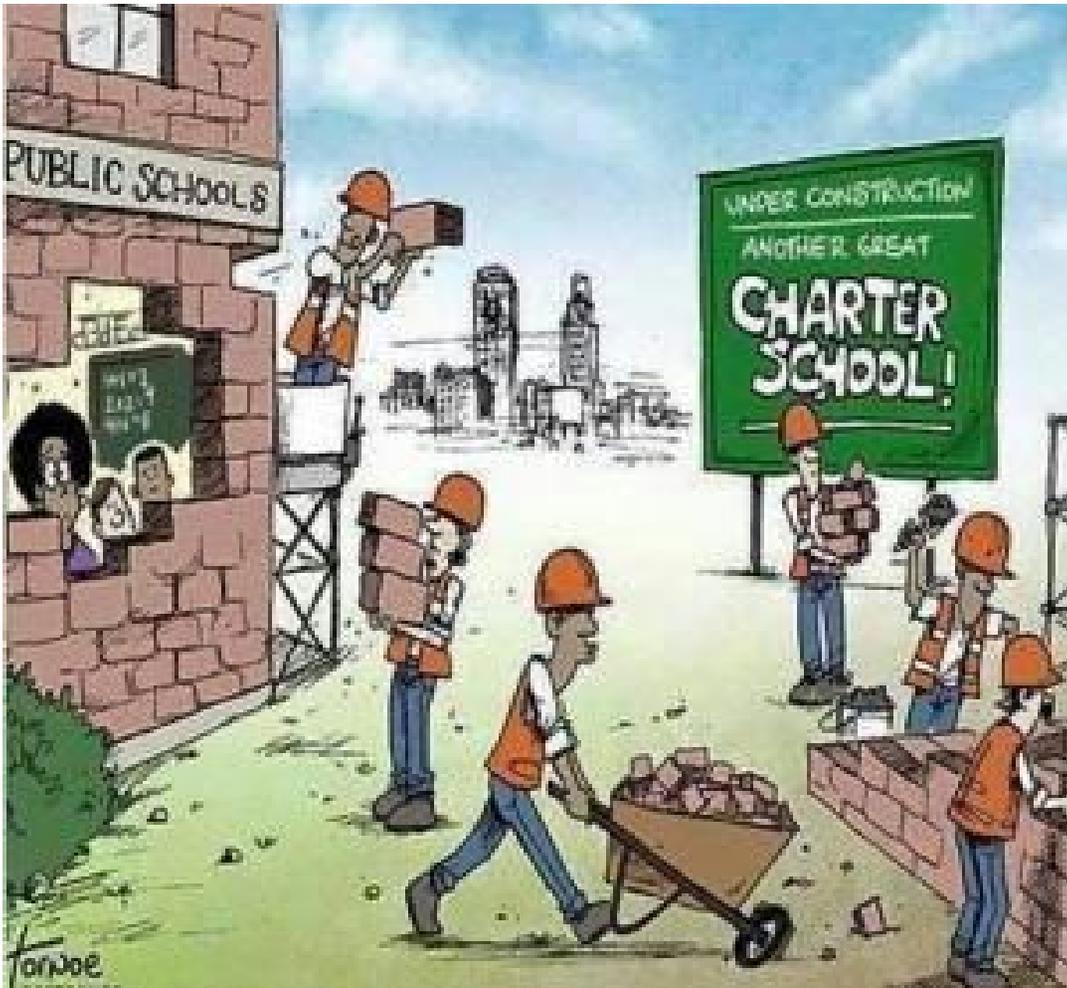


Great Oakland Public Schools wants your money to buy charter-friendly School Board Directors. Here are the facts:

- Since 2012, GO's Political Action Committee ("PAC") - Families and Educators for Public Education - has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to finance the election of school board members who have then gone on to support the policies which weaken public schools and enable the expansion of privately-managed charters in this city.
- Most of the money raised in 2012 and 2014 came from two private multi-millionaires, Arthur Rock of San Francisco and Gary Rogers of Oakland, not from the families and educators of public education students as implied by the PAC name.
- In 2012, the Director of GO said that they would do "whatever it takes" to get school board members elected, stating that "they control a \$600 million budget. They choose the Superintendent...This is a one in four years opportunity to have four seats up on the school board. And we're in this to win it."
- In 2012, the GO PAC received \$50,000 from the California Charter School Association ("CCSA"). In 2014, CCSA endorsed the same candidates for school board as GO did (two of whom ultimately went on to win). CCSA has as its primary goal to "dramatically increase" the number of charter schools in California.
- Another major donor to the GO PAC is Gary Rogers of the Rogers Family Foundation which states as a major goal "growing small-but-mighty, high-performing charter schools, making big bets on trusted and successful charter management organizations."
- Brian Rogers, current CEO of the Rogers Family Foundation has helped to create "GO Public Schools Oakland, the Oakland Public Education Fund, the Oakland Charter Collaborative, and the Oakland Education Funders group."
- Other funders of GO include the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Walton Family Foundation, and the New Schools Venture Fund which provide venture capital start-up money to charter schools.
- Oakland has the largest percentage of charter schools among all California districts. Charter schools are allowed to select students for admission, have their own discipline and expulsion policies, do not outperform traditional public schools and have private governance boards.

GO Public Schools sells itself as a benevolent, pro-public school group, but it is part of an interconnected network of well-funded organizations in Oakland and across the country that are undermining our public schools by directing much needed resources away from our neighborhood schools and giving them to privately managed charters.

Oakland students deserve a functioning school board that:



- Develops and directs educational policy in Oakland to address the needs of OUSD students
- Understands its responsibility to be independent and accountable to the voters and Oakland community, not to OUSD central administration
- Makes decisions to improve the quality of our schools such as funding for small class sizes and adequate resources to support students' diverse socio-emotional and academic needs
- Values continuity at schools
- Insures the physical and emotional safety of students and educators at school sites through positive practices such as restorative justice.
- Promotes and supports curricular autonomy that is directed by experienced teachers and site leaders
- Values teachers with experience who are supported and respected for their professional autonomy
- Establishes curriculum that is engaging, challenging, and relevant to students' future and minimizes high stakes testing

Who we are: A group of concerned Oakland parents, educators and community members raising awareness.

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