



League of Women Voters
of Illinois

LWVIL Charter School Study

Some recently-asked questions about the LWVIL charter school position update study:

Q. If there are no charter schools near my community, should our League participate?

A. Yes, indeed, for at least three reasons:

1. The Illinois Charter School Commission was created with the express purpose of facilitating the creation of charter schools outside of Chicago of which there are currently 15.
2. Within the past year, 18 suburban school districts suddenly found themselves needing to respond to efforts to create a virtual charter school.
3. Given the limited education funding in the state, this is an issue for all residents of Illinois.

Q. Are there really more than 30 separate issues? How can this be simplified?

A: There are three main issues, all of which are foci of the League: accountability, transparency, and funding.

Q: What other resources will be made available? When can we schedule meetings introducing the issue to the public?

A: As information is developed, it will be posted at (LWVIL website). Materials that will be posted over the next several weeks, include a PowerPoint presentation, a speakers' list, a video, a calendar of Local League presentations and webinars. Leagues are encouraged to schedule public information meetings for September or October.

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