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SB65 (Torlakson)

Bring Sunshine to School Soda & Junk Food Contracts

The Problem: Parents Don't Have Input on Soda & Junk Food Contracts



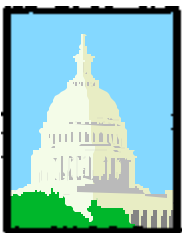
- Schools and school boards can approve soda and junk food contracts without parent input. The notifications required by the Brown Act are too confusing for parents to follow.
- More than one-quarter of California children are overweight.
- Parents deserve “sunshine” on food and beverage policies that undermine healthier choices in schools.

Positive Experience: Expand Parental Involvement



- Parents in Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, Montebello and other communities have helped improve nutrition policies in their schools. These policies frequently focus on restricting soda and junk food sales.
- Involving parents in school nutrition decision-making can engage them in other aspects of school life and improve student achievement.

The Statewide Solution: Schools & Parents Can Collaborate for Health



- SB65 would require schools to give clear public notice about pending non-nutritious beverage and food contracts—and an opportunity for parents and community members to comment on them.
- Schools would not have to pay for the public noticing; schools would use existing communication tools or the contracting company would pay.
- The state has a role in guaranteeing parents the right to give input on school food contracts.