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Louisiana Together Educating ALL Children

Thank Your Legislator and tell Governor Jindal  
your position on equitable school funding!

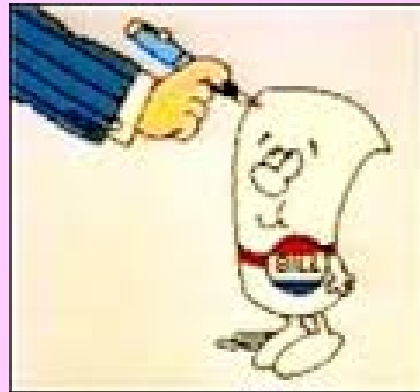


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Greetings!

Congratulations! LaTEACH members' voices were heard by your Legislators!

The full House approved [Senate Bill 267](#) which will provide for an equitable funding formula across all school systems. It is now headed for Governor Jindal's signature!



## What to do next?

**Let Governor Jindal know if you want funding to be fair across schools and for charter schools to serve a fair share of students with disabilities!**

[Click here](#) to send a message to Governor Jindal.

**Thank your Legislators!**

[Click here](#) to find your Louisiana Representative and Louisiana Senator!

**If your answer is YES to either of the questions below let Governor Jindal know you would appreciate his support of this issue!**

- Do you want your child's school to have the money necessary to support the services your child needs to succeed?
- Do you want to make sure charter schools serve a fair share of students with disabilities?

## Special Thanks to Legislative Champions for Students with Disabilities

LaTEACH members are encouraged to express gratitude to every Legislator who supported equity across schools and consider expressing particular gratitude to the following champions in the Legislature who fought to have schools receive the right amount of funding to serve the needs of students with disabilities:

[Senator Dan Claitor](#) has worked tirelessly for over three years to get equitable funding to schools for students with disabilities. Three years ago he authored SCR124 to request BESE to fix this inequity and authored SB267 when it became clear the inequity would continue.

[Senator Edwin Murray](#) co-author of SB267.

[Representative John Bel Edwards](#) handled SB267 on the House floor and successfully argued to not delay the inequity for another year.

[Representative Jerome "Dee" Richard](#) amended SB267 to remove the delay that had been added by the House Education Committee.

Representatives [Rogers Pope](#), [Steve Pylant](#), [Patricia "Pat" Smith](#), and [John Schroder](#) each advocated strongly for the House to support funding go to schools serving students with disabilities immediately without another year of delay.

## What happened with the attempt to delay fairness?

The House Education Committee amended SB267 to delay the implementation of an equitable funding formula for one year. Representatives heard the calls of LaTEACH members and overwhelmingly stripped this delay on the House floor with a vote of 69 to 31! In the end the House passed SB267 with a vote of 101 in support and only 3 against! Every Senator voted in favor of SB267!

Missed the debate of SB267 on the House Floor?  
[Watch video of the House debate SB267 here](#)  
(Debate begins at 2:59:00 and ends at 3:36:40)

## Did You Take Action?

Please let us know if you contacted Governor Jindal. Confirm your action with your [regional LaTEACH leader](#) or email us at [info@lateach.org](mailto:info@lateach.org).



## Any questions?

If there are any questions about the information in this alert, contact LaTEACH at:

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