



## UPDATE Action Alert #12 House Education Committee Date Changed to May 26<sup>th</sup>

May 21, 2021



[SB86](#) by Senator Foil successfully made its way through the Senate. Now it heads to House Education for discussion!

**Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** (*TENTATIVE*) House Education meets at 9 AM in Room 1 to discuss [SB86](#) which would require cameras be installed in self-contained special education classrooms upon request.

Students with disabilities, particularly students who are non-verbal, are at greater risk of abuse and do not have the communication skills to self-report this abuse. Parents want peace of mind that their children are treated with dignity and care behind closed doors of special education classrooms. Video and audio surveillance increases student safety, protects educators from false accusations, and promotes improved training to address student challenging behavior.

If [requiring cameras in special education classrooms upon request](#) is important to you or someone you know, **NOW** is the time to take action!

### How to Take Action

Share your personal story and explain how cameras in special education classrooms would affect you, your family or someone you know.

1. **Email or call** the Vice-Chair and members of the House Education Committee before they meet on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>! Find your member of the House Education Committee at the end of this alert.
2. **Email** [h-educ@legis.la.gov](mailto:h-educ@legis.la.gov) your public comments about cameras in classrooms:
  - Only statements submitted prior to 12 PM on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, will be included in the record for this committee meeting.
  - With your comments, please ensure to include your name, address, phone number, email address, and bill number (SB86).

As the Council and LaCAN continue to practice mitigation efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we will not hold official Yellow Shirt Days in-person at this time and encourage everyone to advocate safely.

### Get Involved Virtually

- Watch committee meetings live from the [legislature's website](#). When the meeting is in progress, click the camera icon to access the broadcast.
- Host committee watch parties on social media and/or post a video sharing your personal story
  - Tag your friends, representatives, senators, and policymakers
  - Use hashtags #LaDDC, #lalege, #LaCAN
- Email, tweet, message, etc. members of the committee before and during the committee meeting and share how the issues above will impact you/your loved ones

### Tips & Tools for Advocacy

Looking for tips and tools to help you in your advocacy? Check out the Council's [Advocacy 101](#) page. You can also find tips for:

- [Writing/emailing your legislators](#)
- [Calling your legislators](#)
- [Writing your story](#)

### Confirm Your Action

- Email your [LaCAN Leader](#) after you take action
- Why confirm your action? This helps the Council know how effective we are reaching you with important information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

### Contact Us

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