

As the guardian of two foster girls attending San Jose high school, I am very concerned about this charter petition. While both girls are doing amazingly well as they continue to learn English and adapt to life in America, I know there is no way they could "qualify" to attend Promise Academy. It angers me to think of my tax dollars going towards a program inherently designed to exclude portions of the student population. If this petition is granted, it would amount to a publicly-funded private school.

As a teacher for more than 30 years, I know there is value in AP courses but they are not for everyone. Going to college is a laudable goal, but it too is not for everyone. Public Schools are required to be precisely that - for everyone. Every child. Every day. Always! Thank you.