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The Honorable Bob Huff California State Senator, District 29

Senator Bob Huff grew up in a family of public educators and is proud to be a product of the public education system including the California Community Colleges. Huff is also an alumnus of Westmont College in Santa Barbara.

During his tenure in the Assembly, Senator Huff served on the Assembly Education Committee and the Assembly Budget Sub-Committee on Education. Currently Huff serves as the Vice-Chair of the Senate Education Committee and is a ranking member of the Senate Budget Sub-Committee on Education and the State Allocation Board - a public body responsible for billions in funding for school facilities. Huff serves on several select Senate committees including Career Technical Education; Workforce Development and the New Economy, State School Facilities Urban School Governance and California Education's Race to the Top.

During his years in the Legislature, Senator Huff has authored legislation signed into law guaranteeing more funding for public charter schools, and has lead efforts to continue the Standard Testing and Reporting (STAR) – California's comprehensive student performance tests.

He is a leader in the California public school choice movement. Since his time in the State Assembly, Huff has been key in extending and expanding the School District of Choice program which gives parents the freedom to transfer their children to participating school districts.

In 2009, Huff authored the Open Enrollment Act which allows students in low achieving schools to transfer to any other school district in the state. Earlier this year, the Open Enrollment Act became a part of landmark bipartisan legislation co-authored by Huff and signed by the Governor. Also, included in this legislation was the Parent Trigger which empowers parents to organize and force major governance changes at their schools. The Parent Trigger has been spreading to other states as well.

This year, Senator Huff has authored legislation to allow school districts to deviate from seniority when making staffing decisions and instead move to a performance based system to ensure a quality teacher in every classroom.

Senator Huff and his wife Mei Mei live in Diamond Bar, and represents portions of Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino Counties.