



Endorsement quotes:

Delaine Eastin, former State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

*"It is my great pleasure to support Katherine Welch for the California State Senate. I have known Katherine now for several years and she is a rock star when it comes to fighting for the children of the state...we need warriors like Katherine Welch."*

Shona Armstrong, Parent leader, Oakland Unified School District:

*"Katherine is smart, charismatic, and most importantly, relentless. She will never ever stop fighting to make Sacramento fund and support public schools and public school families and do the right thing for the little guys. It is her commitment to a functional democracy that drives her to get involved and use her voice. Katherine has already spent years pulling people together for the cause of public education funding, so she has at her disposal the expertise and amazing minds of advisors willing to dig into the complexity and subtlety of state budget and funding shenanigans. She would be an honest, effective, earnest representative of the people of California."*

Kalimah Salahuddin, Trustee, Jefferson Union High School District School Board:

*"Katherine Welch is a passionate advocate for our children, public education and social justice. She has a tireless drive and dedication that is sorely lacking in Sacramento. Katherine will fight for what is right, period. She will not cave to partisan politics or special interests because she understands that our future is too important to sell for short term gain. Join me in supporting Katherine Welch for State Senate."*

Bianca Forester, Teacher, Alameda Unified School District:

*"We would be fortunate to have Katherine Welch as our State Senator. Katherine is deeply committed to creating a more just and equitable society for all and her tireless advocacy on behalf of California's children has won my deepest respect and admiration."*

Helen Dickey, retired, El Cerrito:

*"I worked with Katherine on Educate our State and was continually amazed with her grasp of the facts, her tireless efforts to enlist people to learn about and advocate on behalf of school children in California. We need her energy and skills!"*

Suzy Pak, Board Member, Lafayette School District:

*"Katherine Welch is a strong leader who is dedicated to public service. She has been a champion for California children and public schools, not afraid to speak up on their behalf and not beholden to special interest groups. She is committed to effecting real change that will benefit her constituents."*

Michelle Cantillo, Youth Advocate, San Leandro:

*“I served as an intern with Educate Our State, and there I acquired great respect and admiration for Katherine's leadership, intelligence, and dedication to improve public education in California. To this day, she continues her work advocating for education. With proud enthusiasm, I support Katherine Welch to be our next State Senator.”*

Erica Gonzalez-Martinez, Registered Behavior Technician, West Contra Costa Unified:

*“I know how passionate Katherine is about improving the quality of our public schools. Volunteering her time with Educate Our State and vigorously putting her thoughts into actions. As a witness to her talent and hard work, I strongly recommend Katherine for our State Senate District.”*

Marjorie Mendez, Education Advocate, San Pablo:

*“I have been very fortunate to know Katherine for a few years. She has been my true inspiration and motivation to fight for my kids' rights. Her dedication and passion for giving our kids a voice makes her my hero. She is fighting for our kids and won't stop. Therefore, I invite you to join me and other education-hungry moms to elect Katherine Welch for California State Senate.”*

Adam Sieff, was in Stanford Law School Mills Clinic Youth and Education Law Program:

*“I had the privilege of working with Katherine to help build a better education system for California's children. She is a tireless and effective reformer and problem-solver. I can't wait to see what she can do in Sacramento.”*

Hope Salzer, Chair, Educate Our State Leadership Center

*“Katherine has the intellectual muscle, the philosophical independence, integrity and—most of all— the Herculean work ethic, to accomplish a lot in the CA Senate. Let Katherine get to work in Sacramento on behalf of her East Bay constituents. She is a strong supporter of what is vitally needed to give Californians a productive and influential future.”*

Jean Follmer, District Governing Board Clerk, Lafayette School District:

*“Katherine is a tireless and fearless advocate for California's public school children. Her volunteer work with Educate Our State has enabled thousands of parents across the state to come together and effectively advocate on behalf of their children. She wants to put an end to the shell games that are played with public education dollars. Katherine is not a career politician so she will not hesitate to reach across the aisle when it's in the best interest of kids. We desperately need more leaders like Katherine in Sacramento. I hope you'll join me in supporting Katherine Welch for the California State Senate.”*