



Lifeline Education Charter School, 225 South Santa Fe Ave., Compton, CA 90221

**RECAP:**

California State Senator Isadore Hall, III (<http://sd35.senate.ca.gov/>) visited Compton on 10/28/15 in order to speak to students, parents, and faculty from Lifeline Education Charter School (<http://www.lifelinecharter.co/>).

During his speech that included an audience of over 200 students, faculty, and administrators, Senator Hall spoke about the importance of education and encouraged the students to continuously seek knowledge. Senator Hall also touched on overcoming the challenges that students face in low-income communities. The senator spent a portion of his visit touring the campus, and even got the opportunity to visit some classrooms to experience Lifeline Charter School firsthand. Senator Hall left the school saying that he looked forward to working with the school administration to help to improve the students' daily learning experience, facilities, and educational tools. Photos from the event are available for review on the following slide of this press release.

**WHEN:**

- Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 11:30a

**WHERE:**

- Salvation Army, 736 East Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90221 (directly across the street from Lifeline Education Charter School)

**BACKGROUND:** It's a widely documented, inescapable issue: students from different socioeconomic backgrounds have very different outcomes. Those from affluent areas are more likely to attend college. But some children "beat the odds" and achieve success, despite their circumstances. Lifeline Education Charter school is located in Compton, California. Lifeline has nearly 600 enrolled students from grades K through 12. Lifeline has achieved an 85% average of students enrolled in colleges/universities upon graduation. Lifeline has been able to make such a significant impact due to several initiatives that shield these disadvantaged children from the risks and adversities that exist within their homes and communities. We believe that the most powerful school characteristics for promoting academic resilience are the following:

- A safe and orderly school environment
- Compassionate and supportive teachers
- Positive expectations for all children
- Opportunities for students to become involved and engaged in the school
- Efforts to improve partnership between the home and school

The educational systems within the surrounding School Districts are generating some of the lowest test scores, graduation rates, and college entry numbers in the state. The State Senator came out to roll up his sleeves, address and outline his strategies to help boost alternative educational options for parents, while still supporting local districts. Your staff had the chance to ask the Senator specific questions about his platform and his educational improvement goals for the community. This was a rare opportunity for your press outlet to engage with the Senator in a real work environment and observe him while he addressed his constituency.

*"Politicians in Sacramento and Washington often talk about improving educational programs in their districts but very few actually get out in the field and learn the real challenges we Educators face everyday. Senator Hall is unique in his willingness to be on the front lines and fight for the future of our children. He's willing to address the debate Charter School vs. Public School Districts with the understanding of the importance of having both systems working successfully. These are the real life issues we need our elected officials to focus on. We are proud we have Senator Hall on our side. We invite you to come out and get involved with this important topic and share the news with the immediate community and the world at large."*

*-Dr. Paula Degroat, Executive Director of Lifeline Education Charter School*

