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RE: Regulation #6-349: Charter Schools and Cyber Charter Schools

Dear all,

I am writing to express my opposition to Regulation #6-349: Charter Schools and Cyber Charter Schools.

I find that this regulation will do nothing to fix the problems between charter schools and district schools when it comes to the transfer of funding so that kids get their resources at the schools that they attend in a prompt manner.

Why would the Department of Education make it harder for a group of kids in PA's K-12 public education world? Why would the state want charter schools that have seen enrollments almost double in the last 10 years to stop these schools from serving kids that have been struggling for the longest time?

This regulation isn't about accountability within public education. This is about picking winners and losers within public education, and it's picking against poor kids that overwhelming make up the charter school enrollments.

The regulation leaves too much open for school districts to include requirements that end up being anti-charter, leaving room to be grounds for denial of new charters, renewals of charters, and expansion of charters. How is this helping Pennsylvania families that continue to look for options even while public school districts lose enrollment?

These regulations are not offered to help Pennsylvania parents. They seem to be proposed to help the authorizers, not the charter schools and the parents that keep enrolling their kids there. These regulations are not balanced and, therefore, should not be put into law.

Please just check the case of the Pittsburgh Public School District over the last two years:

- The way they handle remote learning? Delay or absence of live remote learning at the first few months of the pandemic.
- The way they handle Chromebooks?
- How they could not start in-person education last school year.
- The way they handle school transportation this year

If there was a giant charter school of their size, they have gone to that path. They were DONE! PERIOD. It could have been used as a bad sample to punish the rest of the charter schools in PA.

We are kindly asking you to respect the choice of parents, do NOT take that privilege of choice, and give a path for students in poorly managed school districts.

Thank you

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