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I am writing this in opposition to Regulation #6-349.

It is evident that the sole purpose of the document is to bolster a failing public school system by creating burdensome requirements on public charter schools.

What benefit is it to the students and their education if the charter school staff is required to have the same healthcare benefits as the local school district? Other businesses operating in the state are not required to provide healthcare that is equivalent to the school district either. These benefits are to be negotiated between the employer and employee and should not be governed by the state. The sole purpose is to placate the teachers union after their defeat at the Supreme Court.

Why is the process for seeking payment from the school district written to place the burden of receiving payment so heavily on the charter school? It will simply be used as a tool by the district to force the charter schools to shut down due to lack of funding. They will clearly bury the schools in payment red tape until they no longer can pay their bills. In fact, I pay more money to the school district in taxes than the school district is required to pay for my children to attend the charter school. Perhaps we should look at giving the charter school all of the money that the parents pay in taxes to the school their child attends and then let the district and charter school divy up the rest of the kitty afterwards.

Why are we using this process to create these regulations? Could it be that we are trying to legislate via regulation because the party controlling the executive branch of the state of Pennsylvania doesn't have the necessary votes to be able to make the changes in the legislative branch. Governing via regulation doesn't work on the federal level and will not work on the state level. Look at how the parents are voting on the issue based on the enrollment numbers at these schools and not by what the lobbying groups are saying. Look at the current legal fight between Souderton School District and the Souderton Charter School Collaborative. You have one of the top schools in the state, a charter school, and the school district is doing everything they can to block them at every turn simply because they want more control and more money.

Please stop Regulation #6-349 and encourage our elected officials to work together the way we teach our children to work together to come up with a more equitable solution for everyone involved.

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