

Form Letter I - I0658 - I0685

**Levis, Eric**

From: Rebecca Maclean <rebecca.maclean@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:29 PM
To: ED, CharterRegs
Subject: [External] Public comment in support of PDE proposed charter regulation #6-349

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Dear Secretary Ortega,

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I support requiring charter schools to follow generally accepted standards of fiscal management and audit requirements. I support requiring the trustees of charter schools to be held to basic ethical standards and to disclose and abstain from any conflicts of interest.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Rebecca Maclean
rebecca.maclean@gmail.com
412-725-5261

Levis, Eric

From: Sarah Belcher <belchersm@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Sarah Belcher
Pittsburgh, PA

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Thank you,

Elizabeth Criss

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-Karen Bottegal

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Austin Hackman

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Thank you,
Shannon Wyszomierski

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Respectfully submitted,
Allison Petonic
Pittsburgh

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Lauren Abt

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Dear Secretary Ortega,

I am writing to support the proposed charter school regulation #6-349. I support the opportunity for true innovation in implementation in varied educational pedagogy that can arise in charter schools, but I have been concerned with issues of accountability, equity, quality, and transparency in the charter sector, in the state of PA and firmly support the need for updated regulations in PA.

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Martha Riecks
Parent of 2
1125 Winterton St, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

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Martha Riecks
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Levis, Eric

From: Beth Pacoe <bpacoe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:35 PM
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Beth Pacoe
5535 Raleigh Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

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Sincerely,
Tara Madoni

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Vicki Potter <vicki.potter78@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:23 PM
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Sincerely,
Victoria Potter

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From: Jacqueline Lembeck <jacqueline.lembeck@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,
Jacqueline Lembeck
(PA Resident)

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From: Stetler, R. Anne <stetler@pitt.edu>
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Dear Secretary Ortega,

I am writing to support the proposed charter school regulation #6-349. I am very much concerned with issues of accountability, equity, quality, and transparency of the charter school systems.

In alignment with the regulations in place on public schools:

I support requiring charter schools to follow standards of fiscal management and audit requirements.

I support requiring the trustees of charter schools to be held to basic ethical standards and to disclose and abstain from any conflicts of interest, particularly by private vendors.

I support a clear process that ensures that charter schools serve all students and are able to support students with disabilities and non-native English speakers. Enrollment practices that select out certain populations should be ended to ensure that all students have equal access to charter school education and support a more open and transparent enrollment process.

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Thank you,

R. Anne Stetler.

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-Suzanne South

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From: Trish Schreiber <pls042@sei.cmu.edu>
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Patricia Schreiber

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Thank you for taking my comment.

Sincerely,
Laura Wiens

7731 Edgerton Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15221.

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Laura Wiens
(703) 424-0854

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Jody Handley
415-786-8597

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I support a requirement for charter admissions policies to be publicly posted and I believe that discriminatory enrollment practices should be ended to ensure that all students have equal access to charter school education.

I support charter school teachers having access to good healthcare, just like their peers who teach at school districts.

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Megan Dunlap

Confidential Administrative Assistant to Dr. Kathleen Smith

Executive Director for Human Resources

& PMSD Resident and Parent

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I am a public school parent writing to support the proposed charter school regulation #6-349. I have followed the charter school issue since my son started kindergarten in 2005, when I first became aware of rising costs in our school district due to charter schools. I have been increasingly concerned about issues of accountability, equity, quality, and transparency in the charter sector.

I support requiring charter schools to follow generally accepted standards of fiscal management and audit requirements the way that public schools do.

I support requiring the trustees of charter schools to be held to basic ethical standards and to disclose and abstain from any conflicts of interest to prevent the misuse of public dollars.

I support a rigorous and standardized charter application process that will allow charter authorizers to hold prospective charter schools to high academic, fiscal, and administrative standards and help authorizers ensure charter schools are prepared to equitably and inclusively serve all students. These standards are necessary to ensure that new charters are adequately prepared to meet the needs of students with disabilities and English Learners.

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These proposed regulations will bring clarity to the law and help to make charters more transparent and ethical. I support all of them.

Thank you for your time.

Emily Cleath
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Levis, Eric

From: Angel Gober <angel@onepa.org>
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To: ED, CharterRegs
Subject: [External] Public comment in support of PDE proposed charter regulation #6-349

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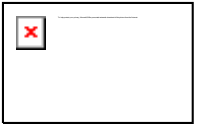
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Ms.Paulette Foster

Levis, Eric

From: Kathleen Dimaio <kdimaio@nasd.k12.pa.us>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 11:15 AM
To: ED, CharterRegs
Subject: [External] Fwd: Scan_Dimaio, Kathleen_10_57_18-10-2021
Attachments: Proposed Charter Regulations #6-349.pdf

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Good morning, attached is a letter of support regarding proposed charter school regulations.

Thank you, Kathy

Kathleen DiMaio
Superintendent's Office/Board Secretary
Norristown Area School District
610-630-5010

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Christopher T. Dormer, Superintendent of Schools

October 18, 2021

Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Department of Education
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17126

Re: Public comment in support of PDE proposed charter regulations #6-349

Dear Secretary Ortega:

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I support requiring charter schools to follow generally accepted standards of fiscal management and audit requirements.

I support requiring the trustees of charter schools to be held to basic ethical standards and to disclose and abstain from any conflicts of interest.

I support a rigorous and standardized charter application process that will allow charter authorizers to hold prospective charter schools to high academic, fiscal, and administrative standards and help authorizers ensure charter schools are prepared to equitably serve all students.

I support a requirement for charter admissions policies to be publicly posted and I believe that discriminatory enrollment practices should be ended to ensure that all students have equal access to charter school education.

I support charter school teachers having access to good healthcare, just like their peers who teach at school districts.

These proposed regulations will bring clarity to the law and help to make charters more transparent and ethical. I support all of them.

Please pass these regulations and hold charter schools accountable for following charter school law and properly educating their students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Dormer', written over a horizontal line.

Christopher T. Dormer
Superintendent of Schools

Levis, Eric

From: Conlon, Kathleen <Kathleen.Conlon@ibx.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:28 AM
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Sincerely,

Kathleen Conlon
267.918.8057

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Subject: [External]

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Dear Secretary Ortega:

I am writing to strongly support the proposed charter school regulation #6-349. I have followed the charter school issue for many, many years and have been concerned with issues of accountability, equity, quality, and transparency in the charter sector.

I strongly support requiring charter schools to follow generally accepted standards of fiscal management and audit requirements. The lack of this has led to detrimental impacts on public education over the years.

I strongly support requiring the trustees of charter schools to be held to basic ethical standards and to disclose and abstain from any conflicts of interest, rather than gain personal wealth and interest while providing and overseeing a minimal educational effort.

I strongly support a rigorous and standardized charter application process that will allow charter authorizers to hold prospective charter schools to high academic, fiscal, and administrative standards and help authorizers ensure charter schools are prepared to equitably serve all students. The countless hours being spent in preparation for these hearings is only taking more time away from students and their education.

I strongly support a requirement for charter admissions policies to be publicly posted and I believe that discriminatory enrollment practices should be ended to ensure that all students have equal access to charter school education.

I support charter school teachers having access to good healthcare, just like their peers who teach at school districts. Their pay and benefits package are not comparable and therefore only have increasing turnover rates for the teachers.

These proposed regulations will bring clarity to the law and help to make charters more transparent and ethical. I support all of them.

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Lynne Star
Supervisor of Special Education
Pocono Mountain School District
570-839-7121 extension 10181

Levis, Eric

From: Lee, W. John <w.john.lee@morganlewis.com>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:09 AM
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From: Nora Wandalowski <nwandalowski@pmsd.org>
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Good Morning,

Please find attached a letter to Secretary Ortega urging him to support Charter School Regulations.

Thank You,

Nora

Nora A. Wandalowski, M.Ed.
Director of Cyber and Alternative Education Programs
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nwandalowski@pmsd.org

Dear Secretary Ortega:

I am writing to support the proposed charter school regulation #6-349. I have followed the charter school issue for a long time and have been concerned with issues of accountability, equity, quality, and transparency in the charter sector.

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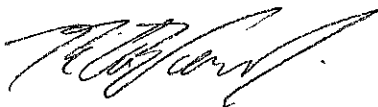
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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.



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Levis, Eric

From: Kathleen Fanelli <kfanelli@pmsd.org>
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Dear Secretary Ortega:

I am writing to support the proposed charter school regulation #6-349. As a public school principal, I have followed the charter school issue for a long time and have been concerned with issues of accountability, equity, quality, and transparency in the charter sector.

I support requiring charter schools to follow generally accepted standards of fiscal management and audit requirements.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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Kathleen Fanelli, Ph.D.

Principal

East Junior High School

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