

Education Committee, CT

Members of the committee

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I write in support of bill 1096.

The moratorium on new charter schools is critical until

- Charter school oversight policies and/or legislation is reviewed
- ECS funding levels are reviewed and SB 816 is passed.
- An overall state-wide strategy for charters, magnets and neighborhood schools is developed.
- A new Commissioner of Education is appointed.
- Charters make clear what their advantages are in clear, unambiguous facts and figures.
- Charter school management details are made public
- Charter school advocacy groups are made more transparent.

In general, education policy in Connecticut right now is in chaos. Public schools are suffocating under the weight of reforms and ECS underfunding while charter school operators are raking in millions without having to meet the demands of public schools, and without being accountable for the resources they consume.

Sincerely

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