

Charter School in Cherry Hill

It is not too late to have a say in whether or not we will have a charter school in Cherry Hill! But it is imperative that we act immediately. The bill as it is currently written, S2243, http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2010/Bills/S2500/2243_I1.PDF, does not specify whether the local approval must take place before initial or final approval of the charter school. Since the Regis Academy Charter School has only received preliminary approval, the passage of S2243, requiring local approval of charter schools, may still apply to Cherry Hill, if it is passed in a timely fashion. This is where all Cherry Hill voters can make a difference.

Call, send an email, or best of all, stop by the office of Senator Jim Beach (1309 Route 70 West, between the Garden State Shopping Center and Ellisburg), to ask him to do the following:

1. Sign on as a sponsor of Senate bill 2243, calling for local approval of charter schools, and 2. Speak to his colleagues, especially those in South Jersey, to press Senator Ruiz, chair of the education committee, to post the bill immediately for a vote.

You might also wish to push for the passage of Senate bill 3001, http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2010/Bills/S3500/3001_I1.PDF, which calls for more accountability and transparency in the operation of charter schools.

With all elected officials, a rush of interest by voters in his constituency just a month before the November elections should have greater than usual impact, so please contact Senator Beach immediately!

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