

**AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION 1 OF 2006  
CHARTER SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY**

AND NOW, this **9th** day of **February, 2006** the **AVON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT** Board of Directors hereby resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, the General Assembly enacted the Charter School Act, 24 P.S. § 17-1717-A et seq. which provides for the creation of charter schools in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, more than one hundred charter schools have been created, many without approval of the local school district wherein such charter schools are located; and

WHEREAS, residents of public school districts are free to attend charter schools located outside the boundaries of their own school district of residence; and

WHEREAS, charter schools operate free from any traditional public school regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Charter School Law allows charter schools to operate under a funding formula that has nothing to do with the school's level of spending, but is based, instead, on a chartering school district's budgeted expenditures; and

WHEREAS, under the Charter School Law, local school districts must pay a formula-determined expenditure per pupil for its resident students who attend charter schools equal to the sending district's total expenditures per student (not budgeted expenditures) minus a pro rata share of the cost of certain programs not offered by charter schools; and

WHEREAS, because the payments local school districts are mandated to make to charter schools under the Charter School Law bear no relationship to charter school operating costs, a charter school may generate a large surplus, with no accountability to the sending public school district; and

WHEREAS, most of the public school funding of charter schools comes from local tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, charter schools create a net added expense for school districts; and

WHEREAS, the **Avon Grove School District**, is compelled to fund their programs with no corresponding oversight or accountability; and

WHEREAS, all public school districts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been adversely affected by the charter school funding inequity, absence of oversight and lack of accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution seeking funding equity, oversight and accountability with respect to all charter schools to which the **Avon Grove School District** must pay formula-driven fees for its attending resident students, shall be transmitted to the other 500 similarly affected public school districts in Pennsylvania, with the request that they all appeal to both the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the General Assembly for funding equity, oversight and accountability relative to charter schools.

RESOLVED, this **9<sup>th</sup>** day of **February, 2006**.

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