

RES15-003

Wilmington, Delaware
January 15, 2015

WHEREAS, the proliferation of charter schools has prompted lawmakers, public officials and community leaders across Delaware to express their concerns about additional new charter schools, fearing the significant hardship they could place on traditional school districts and their surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, State law requires that proposed charter schools be reviewed by the Delaware Department of Education, which is charged with, among many factors, considering the impact that charter schools would have on local schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, officials and community leaders within the City of Wilmington have expressed their own concerns about how charter schools effect the character of the City as well as its neighborhoods, including the physical impact of educational institutions located in residential and commercial areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council joins lawmakers and public officials across the State of Delaware in expressing its concerns about the proliferation of charter schools in the City of Wilmington and throughout the State, and respectfully urges the Delaware Department of Education to institute a moratorium on new charter school application reviews as elected officials and community leaders continue to study the impact that existing charter schools have throughout the State, and particularly within the City of Wilmington.

Passed by City Council,
January 15, 2015

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 15th
day of January, 2015.

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