



WALK FOR OUR CHILDREN & CHARTER SCHOOLS

Registration for the Jersey City meeting scheduled by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) to take public input about charter schools has been closed due to space limitations.

We don't know who is going to be allowed inside the meeting to provide input: charter school advocates or charter school opponents. But while you can no longer register to attend the meeting, you can still express your support for charter schools!

We encourage ALL Golden Door staff and ALL Golden Door families to join the WALK FOR OUR CHILDREN & CHARTER SCHOOLS being planned for Thursday, November 1st, which will leave from BelovED Community Charter School (located at 508 Grand Street in Jersey City, just west of the Medical Center) and walk the six blocks to the Jerry Walker Center (located at the intersection of Communipaw and Halladay Streets), where the NJDOE's meeting will take place.

This positive demonstration of support for our children and charter schools will help us get out the good news about how charter schools not only provide an excellent education for children, but do while saving hundreds of millions of dollars for taxpayers which then gets used to help improve traditional public schools.

Your joining the Walk will loudly communicate that OUR CHILDREN ARE NOT SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS and that OUR CHARTER SCHOOLS DESERVE EQUITABLE FUNDING & TREATMENT AND THE STATE'S FULL SUPPORT!

Resist The Threat To New Jersey's Charter Schools

Charter school opponents want to put a "pause" on charter schools. Commissioner of Education, Lamont Repollet, has begun a comprehensive review of NJ's charter school law.

Various anti-charter special-interest advocacy groups are hoping to use the review to oppose the further expansion of charter schools or to shut them down altogether.

Unless we mobilize in force, this "review" could result in the following:

- Charter Non-Renewal: School *charters* are up for renewal every five years. The Department of Education (DOE) could simply decide not to renew school charters and force even high-performing charter schools across New Jersey to close.
- Expansion Freeze: The DOE could decide to deny charter schools approval to add grade levels. Students in the highest current grade level of a charter school would then need to exit the school at the end of this school year and enroll in local traditional public school or in a private school.
- Funding: Charter schools, which in Jersey City are already among the lowest funded public schools in the State of New Jersey, could have their funding frozen or cut further.

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We ask every school employee and GDCS family to try and turn out at least 2 people for the Walk – *the more the better!* Children, extended family members and friends are all welcome.

Register your attendees below so we know how many buses to schedule, and then have your children return this form, or email this form, to your child’s teacher.

Buses will leave from Golden Door Charter School to take Walkers to BelovED Community Charter School – so please be at our school early enough to find parking and board the buses by 4:15 pm on November 1st.

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