

May 6, 2016

Charter School Review Committee:

I am writing to express my support of the CSRC adopting a resolution to include Charter School Dissolution plans as part of a school's application to the city for authorization.

School closures are never an ideal outcome; families and staff transitions can be a challenge and our city needs additional quality options. However, ultimately our schools agree to be held accountable for their academic and school results. When a school is not providing a quality option to families and is unable to meet their charter provisions, their contract should be terminated.

In such an instance, it is important for schools to have a plan in place to minimize the impact on students and staff. The attached plan is adopted from UWM's charter dissolution plan, and includes requirements for financial, documentation, and transition activities to take place in the event a school is closed.

By adopting such a measure for new charter applications, I believe board members of these schools will have an understanding of the serious obligations they have to our students and community. In the unfortunate event that a school does not live up to its charter contract, a plan pre-approved and adopted by the school's board of directors, along with specific commitments from board members and their responsibilities, will ensure that schools, students, and families are not left scrambling at a time when they most need our community's support.

Thank you,

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Sean Roberts
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