

Appropriations Committee Testimony
SUPPORT: Executive Budget Charter School Per Pupil Increase
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

My name is Linda Baylor and I am the board chair and mother of three children, two of which attend Highville Charter School. I reside in your district and would like you to know how important this school is to me and my family.

As a resident of East Haven, it was important to my family that my children receive an education that fits their needs wholly. While I believe East Haven Public Schools provide a great educational experience for our town's youth, Highville Charter School provides the diversity in exposure and population our children need.

Highville students have such potential for greatness. Potential that can lead a student to the white house as our president, to the Moon as an astronaut, to the Hospital as a Surgeon, to be entrepreneurs, community leaders, great role models for their future. By not fighting harder you are allowing them to settle for less. No child deserves less than the best from us as parents, community members, and role models.

Not being able to educate our children due to funding is outrageous neglect to their future. With proper funding, we can reach out to more children and families to educate our community and allow their futures to be better than ours.

We live in a time of great tragedies and getting a quality education should not be a second thought. We need you to fight for us as we have fought and voted for you to be where you are. It is your turn to fight harder for our children. Please protect the Governor's proposed charter school per pupil increase. This increase is long overdue. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Linda Baylor
Board Chair
Highville Charter School