

Hoboken Board of Education

Resolution to Oppose the Elysian Charter School Application to Expand

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Hoboken Board of Education to continually enhance programs, improve student achievement and expand opportunities while managing notable increasing enrollment within our public school district and being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of Hoboken; and

WHEREAS, the Hoboken Public School District is already coping with a state-imposed annual reduction of adjustment aid, beginning in 2018 and totaling \$3.8 million through 2025;

WHEREAS imposing increased charter school costs on the Hoboken Public School District, in addition to the aforementioned loss of state aid and on top of normal and expected annual cost increases, will result in further budget reductions and program cuts in the district schools to the detriment of the district academic programs; and

WHEREAS recent and historic enrollment data clearly demonstrates a severe yet increasing segregative effect on the student populations of Elysian Charter School and the Hoboken Public School District, with Elysian Charter School serving a disproportionately low number of economically disadvantaged students, and an increase in enrollment at Elysian Charter School will likely exacerbate and increase this effect;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hoboken Board of Education, in exercising its responsibility to the students of the Hoboken Public School District, must oppose the application of the Elysian Charter School to increase its enrollment and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of the Hoboken Public School District to take necessary steps to urge the New Jersey Department of Education to reject that application.