



Taking Action to Stop Innovators Charter School

The New Bedford Educators Association must play a central role in opposing the opening of the proposed Innovators Charter School.

At capacity, this school will have 735 students in grades six to 12, ultimately resulting in New Bedford Public Schools losing roughly \$10 million annually in state funding.

There is nothing innovative about this proposed charter school. It will only inhibit our ongoing work to expand early access to college, Advanced Placement courses and STEM education.

And our efforts are aimed at providing equal opportunities to *all* students, not a select few. Remember, charter schools are not required to educate all students, and every year students return to district schools when charters fail to meet their needs.

Leaders of the NBEA and the Fall River Educators Association have been speaking out against the Innovators plan.

But we need every NBEA member to tell state education officials that this is a terrible plan for our community.

The state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education is reviewing the application, and we have to take every opportunity to voice our opposition.

Watch for actions that we are planning to demonstrate our support for every student and ways we can register our concerns with BESE.

For more information, please visit:

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