



FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

SPEAK AGAINST

Another Charter School

New Bedford, Fall River and surrounding communities are finally starting to receive more state aid to address decades of underfunding for the region's public schools. It would be especially reckless for state education officials to permit another charter school to open in the area and allow a privately run school to siphon away much-needed education dollars coming to our communities.

Innovators Charter School will do just that — take away money from the public schools that educate the majority of students in the region and operate with no oversight by locally elected officials. It is an unfair and undemocratic proposal.

Please plan to attend a public hearing from

4-6 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

Kilburn Event Center at the Kilburn Mill

127 West Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford



This is our opportunity to demand respect and tell state education officials what our students need and why we don't need the charter school industry causing further upheaval in our region.

INNOVATORS CHARTER SCHOOL IS BAD FOR OUR COMMUNITIES BECAUSE:

- X It has no "innovation."** The programs it promotes, such as early access to college, all exist in existing public schools where there are more staff and educators with more experience working with students. Let's support public schools that are committed to ALL students.
- X The charter school will take away more than \$10 million** in education funding annually from surrounding communities, with New Bedford schools losing the most.
- X The impacted communities have no voice in the operation of a charter school.** An appointed board will oversee the school, which is a private business operating with public funds.