

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 1657
BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, NORWIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, school districts make vastly different payments to cyber charter schools, depending on the sending district, with school districts paying more than the usual cost of instruction, and some paying less, all based upon the current formula in the School Code, which allows the costs for cyber charter payments to escalate whenever a district's costs increase; and

WHEREAS, this leads to some school districts subsidizing other school districts' charter school students, resulting in the current payment system that is neither rational nor fair; and

WHEREAS, under current law, charter schools also receive more funding than they need to educate students, and they have an unlimited ability to hold local tax dollars, all of which demonstrates that funding and accountability reforms are sorely needed for charter and cyber charter schools in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, State Rep. James Roebuck (D-Philadelphia), Democratic chairman of the House Education Committee, recently introduced House Bill 1657, a bill that would make several funding and accountability reforms to charter and cyber charter schools in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, enactment of this legislation is long overdue and would make funding of cyber charter schools a state responsibility; and

WHEREAS, this comprehensive bill would also improve oversight and accountability by establishing an Office of Charter and Cyber Charter Schools with Pennsylvania Department of Education, as well as place unreserved fund balance limits similar to those required under law for school districts.

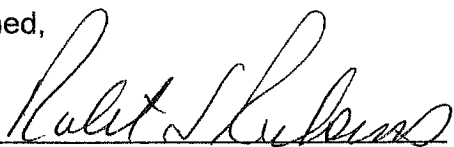
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Norwin School District supports House Bill 1657 and any other legislation or effort by the Pennsylvania General Assembly that would implement long overdue funding and accountability reforms to charter and cyber charter schools, including making funding for cyber charter schools a state responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Norwin School District directs its Administration to take immediate action to alert local state legislators about the need to support House Bill 1657 and the need to support reform in the way cyber charter schools are funded and held accountable to taxpayers.

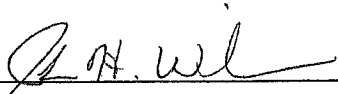
Adopted by the Board of Education of the Norwin School District this 19th day of September, 2011.

NORWIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signed,



Robert J. Perkins
President, Norwin Board of Education



John H. Wilson
Board Secretary