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State of Delaware Board of Education  
Secretary Murphy  
401 Federal St  
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Secretary Murphy and DOE:

It is with great hope and pleasure that I recommend the Delaware Met School become an approved charter. I have been fortunate to learn of the extensive process that the Innovative Schools agency undertook to identify a model school program for Delaware's children.

The vision of the Delaware Met to provide an individual and personalized plan for each student is a key component that gained my support. With the growing number of violent school incidents and numbers of school dropouts, there is a need for improvements. A school that recognizes students for their unique strengths and challenges can assist in identifying gaps that may lead to negative outcomes. Providing ongoing review of individual student plans afford our children with the opportunity to be successful.

In addition to the projected educational improvements, the Delaware Met program plans to support student's personal and career goals through their work-study internships. From my understanding, students will be provided with guided firsthand experience that promotes work ethics and self sustainability. School involvement in student employment offers an ability to evaluate and provide support or intervention where needed.

The Delaware Met's plan to incorporate the family and community support is another reason I am in agreement with opening this school. Community and family involvement are known protective factors for children. Providing family support and community engagement fosters not only a social factor, but it promotes the opportunity to foster experience, confidence, and financial gain.

The Delaware Met would be an asset to any state; I am excited for the opportunity that Delaware has to incorporate this school into our educational system. I wholehearted endorse that our children be afforded the opportunity to attend The Delaware Met School.

Sincerely,

Kysha Slade



Reading this letter on behalf of Ms. Kysha Slade:

- Parent
- Wilmington resident
- 2 potential Met students
- Children with special needs
- All students have attended charter schools – believes in choice options for Wilmington students
- Attended Student Panel Discussion