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The online form says that formal public comment has closed for this evening's meeting but I hope these comments might be considered informally:

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Friere application was originally approved by the Board to bring a new approach to charter education in Wilmington; however, the school's "Major Modification

Request for Enrollment Change and Enrollment Preferences" suggests that Friere has changed that approach so that they would become merely one more of the

many charter schools already in existence.

This major modification of the application proposes removal of the pre-admission pledge supplemental to the general charter application, indicating "specific interest

in Freire's methods, philosophy, and educational focus." Without this contractual agreement between the school, the students and the parents, the school will find it

very difficult to compel compliance with its stated educational and behavioral standards.

In addition, the school already states that there is less interest in the school than originally envisioned. The result of these lower attendance figures would suggest

that the school's standards would be further eroded simply to fill its student quotas.

There is currently no funding for coaching (and thus no possibility for an athletic program), no funding for extra curricular activities, nor money for a lunch room/gymnasium.

Nor is there, in this residential neighborhood, the cultural enrichment provided by the more urban environment of Friere's Philadelphia location.

Sincerely,

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