

From: [Mercedes Alonso](#)
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Subject: Fw: Statement of Support for Academia's Charter Renewal
Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017 10:17:25 AM

Dear Denise,

It was lovely meeting you the other day at the Public Hearing for Academia Antonia Alonso.

Per your request, I am forwarding you a statement (see below) from a parent who could not join us that day, but wanted to speak on behalf of the school. Thank you for providing us this option. It was very helpful.

With Appreciation,
Mercedes

From: Leticia Ferby <leticiaferby@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Mercedes Alonso
Subject: Statement of Support for Academia's Charter Renewal

Dear Committee Members,

This is a statement of support for the renewal of Academia Antonia Alonso's charter renewal.

My daughter was among the first graduating kindergarten class at Academia. I chose this school because of its focus on expeditionary learning and dual language/immersion; but we have received so much more. The administration's persistent pursuit of Mrs. Matos' vision to create an enriched and exceptional educational opportunity for Delaware students is commendable.

I have watched Academia overcome "new-school" obstacles, changes in leadership, and major issues with transportation. Academia's relocation to Barley Mill has proven to add to the expeditionary learning and the needed "green space" of the school. This year we have our own buses!! My daughter was very excited today to be able to play on their new playground! The leadership team is resourceful in finding ways for continued enhancement, with results.

Most importantly, the Board, the principal, all of the teachers and all of the staff are DEDICATED to their students; I do believe that this is the greatest influence on the schools success. Their commitment to UNIDOS overflows into the lives of the children and is felt at

every school function. I know that my daughter is safe in their care and Academia has demonstrated that they are deserving of my trust. My daughter is now in the third grade and she continues to enjoy her school, her friends and learning in both English and Spanish. There is no other school that she would rather be a part of!