



# State of New Hampshire

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October 10, 2012

Tom Raffio, Chairman  
NH State Board of Education  
NH Department of Education  
Londergan Hall  
101 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301-3494

Dear Chairman Raffio:

In an effort to further encourage the establishment of public charter schools that meet the needs and interests of pupils, parents, communities, regions and the state as a whole, as stated in RSA 194-B:1-a, IX, the NH House Education Committee asks the State Board of Education, per the Committee's authority in RSA 21-N:10, II, to accept and review existing and new charter school applications in their entirety to determine if these new applications are compliant with all the required charter school application elements per RSA 194-B:3-a, and to do so with the understanding that final approval is contingent upon state funding.

The State Board of Education is further requested to immediately contact and meet with the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee, per RSA 198:42, IV, to address the funding issue necessary to move forward with the new charter school approval process.

In order to not cause a delay in the opening of 4 additional charter schools scheduled to open for the 2013/2014 school year, the request to the Fiscal Committee must also include an additional chartered public school tuition payment amount estimated to be \$1.8 million.

Thank you for your kind and speedy attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. Balboni".

Michael A. Balboni, Chairman  
For the House Education Committee

cc. House Education Committee Members  
Kenneth L. Weyler, Chairman, Fiscal Committee  
Nancy F. Stiles, Chairman, Senate Education Committee