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Official Statement from the Pottsgrove School District regarding Charter School Reform **Friday, February 26, 2021**

On behalf of the constituents of the Pottsgrove School District and working to ensure fair and equitable educational funding, we support Governor Wolf's Charter School Reform proposal that will be shared at 1:00 pm on Friday, 2/26 in Harrisburg, PA.

"We are grateful that Governor Wolf and members of the General Assembly understand the urgent need for charter school funding reform for Pennsylvania taxpayers. This bipartisan proposal will end overpayments to charter schools that have driven up property taxes and preserve parent choice."

"The proposed legislation will save \$229 million dollars for school districts this year, but more importantly, it will finally address the biggest cost drivers in school district budgets. To continue on the current path is financially unsustainable."

"Our current funding system allows charter schools to divert resources meant for students with disabilities for other purposes. It also forces school districts to pay twice as much for cyber charter programs than we pay for our own remote learning programs. Neither is acceptable. Both must be changed."

"We thank Governor Wolf, Representatives Joe Ciresi and Tracy Pennycuick, and Senators Lindsay Williams and Jim Brewster for leading this effort. We urge the General Assembly to move swiftly to enact these reforms and put Pennsylvania on the path toward a more accountable and fiscally sound charter funding system."

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Thank you.

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