

Good afternoon,

My husband and I are proud parents of a CSPES Charter School Kindergartener. We chose to send our daughter there so that she could take advantage of an amazing STEM opportunity. Charter schools were created to provide options to students. Is it truly an option if the school is left with less resources because they are forced to allocate funds towards facility and maintenance fees? Is it balanced if my child will have less than her peers because we took advantage of an option that was allotted to us?

We support Senate Bill and House Bill 1061, School Construction – Public Charter School Facility Fund – Establishment. Please give our Charter School children equal opportunity and access to education. This fund would also allow for charter schools to have an equitable approach to education in terms of budgets as 15-20% of the school's operational budget would no longer be needed for capital costs.

Every child deserves equitable access to education. Please support this bill.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Zarinah & Roland Cuffee