Sample Local School Board Resolution Regarding Charter Schools

Whereas, the public schools in _____________________ are responsive to all the families and children of _____________________; and

Whereas, the __________School Board is accountable to the voters and taxpayers of _____________________ and serve at their pleasure; and

Whereas, unlike many charter schools, the schools in _____________________ operate in a transparent and open manner consistent with Kentucky law and regulations; and

Whereas, the schools in _____________________ are successful and accountable to meet the educational needs of our community; and

Whereas, Kentucky’s schools have a remarkable record of student success since the adoption of the Kentucky Education Reform Act in 1990; and

Whereas, charter schools do not operate with the same accountability, transparency or openness as public schools; and

Whereas, children do not learn more in charter schools than they do in public schools; and

Whereas, Kentucky schools are responsive and innovative through school-based decision making and districts of innovation laws; and

Whereas, charter schools are plagued by fraud and mismanagement in the states where they exist; and

Whereas, charter schools will take critical financial resources necessary to educate __________ children and direct that money to unaccountable, unproven schools with no stake in our community’s success.

Therefore, be it resolved that the _____________________ Board of Education calls on the Kentucky General Assembly to:

Reject charter schools as unnecessary for Kentucky’s children and communities; and

Strengthen our current system of public schools through equitable and sustainable funding; and

Declare their continued support for Kentucky’s public schools, children and educators.

Adopted this _______ day of ___________ in ___________________, Kentucky.

Signed: __________________________________________________________
Chair, ______________________ Board of Education