

Do you need suggestions on how you may be able to do your part? Here are a few samples you may use to voice your support for Coatesville Area School District. Feel free to draft your own message as well!

Sample 1:

As a resident of the CASD, I am asking you to support charter school funding reform. Unfair payments have led to many Charters having extra funds, while districts such as the Coatesville Area School District struggle to provide basic services to students and reduce the tax burden to our constituents. Coatesville is one of many school districts faced with serious challenges related to charter school funding. My family urges you to change this antiquated and inequitable funding system so local taxpayers like me do not have to take on the burden of unrestricted charter school growth. Action in Harrisburg to help address charter costs will go a long way to help my household budget. I am asking for you to please work with your fellow legislators in support of Representative Brown's legislation and other similar efforts.

Sample 2:

As a parent of a student in Coatesville Area School District, there is a feeling of joy knowing our children have returned to an in-person learning experience. As part of this district, I strongly believe in the work and mission of the CASD and our schools, and we take pride having our children receive a well-rounded education. It saddens me to learn that at a recent board meeting, our district received a request to pay two Charter Schools nearly \$5 million dollars based on a belief that CASD underpaid them during the last school year. For many of us who have been in this district, that is a burden on taxpayers.

After adapting to a challenging time in our nation's history, it is not only a disservice to our children and our teachers but appalling that under the terms of the Charter School Law, this request could lead to funds being redirected from the CASD budget to the Charter schools.

As a resident, we could face the potential tax increase, closure of school buildings and increased class sizes so that teachers would not have the capacity to provide meaningful and individualized learning experiences for our children. This means the potential of budget cuts to arts and sports programs that our district prides itself in being the best at. Our classrooms that were once filled with interactive and tangible materials will become bare and scarce. This also means, that this could potential be forced to reduce staff who have made a difference in each of our children's lives. Our teachers and staff have adapted to a learning environment where they had to learn and execute a new way of teaching our students through virtual learning. Our staff have been simply the best. I am concerned that we face the possibility of a lack of materials and resources to teach our children and this is simply not fair.

Please consider the Red Raiders when you evaluate this request under the Charter School Act. Think of the students and families who will be impacted as a result of this decision.