

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REFORM OF FUNDING  
FOR CYBER CHARTER SCHOOLS**

**BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the current funding formula for cyber charter schools in particular bears no relationship to the actual instructional costs of the distance learning program; and

**WHEREAS**, the cyber charter school funding formula in the Public School Code is based on the sending school district's prior year budgeted expenditures per average daily membership minus certain budgeted expenditures of the district of residence, rather than the cyber charter school's actual costs to educate the student; and

**WHEREAS**, the cyber charter school funding formula for special education differs from the formula used to calculate school district special education subsidies and again is based on the student's district of residence's special education expenditures for the prior school year; and

**WHEREAS**, students do not leave school districts to attend cyber charter schools in large groups within the same age range and, therefore, school districts are unable to proportionately reduce their budgets when students opt to enroll in a cyber charter school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth is the sole authorizer of cyber charter schools, yet almost all of the costs for cyber charter schools are borne by local taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boyertown Area School District's cyber charter school expenditures for the past 5 years reflect extraordinary costs that were borne by its taxpayers as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Regular Ed Tuition Paid by the District to Cyber Schools</b>	<b>Special Ed Tuition Paid by the District to Cyber Schools</b>	<b>Total Tuition Paid by the District to Cyber Schools</b>
<b>2009-10</b>	\$802,837	\$433,081	\$1,235,918
<b>2010-11</b>	\$1,041,738	\$187,681	\$1,229,419
<b>2011-12</b>	\$1,670,645	\$295,341	\$1,965,986
<b>2012-13</b>	\$1,260,708	\$267,053	\$1,527,761
<b>2013-14</b>	\$1,095,491	\$297,818	\$1,393,309
<b>2014-15</b>	\$684,806	\$144,222	Through 03/15 \$829,028

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Boyertown Area School Board urges its elected officials to support legislation that corrects the tuition for regular and special education to cyber charter schools so that it is based on the actual costs of educating their students and relieves the financial burden on school districts that ultimately causes tax increases and becomes the financial burden of local taxpayers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the elected senators and representatives of the Boyertown Area School District in the General Assembly, and to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ 14<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ April \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

Signed,

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Stephen Elsier  
School Board President

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