

**Dear Governor Polis:**

**Our Public Schools are very efficient and accountable to all citizens. We spent 100 years creating efficiency through consolidation of small districts to larger ones. Starting private, corporate schools, called Charter Schools tears apart the very efficiency we created. We have measured this efficiency loss to our schools. This loss is every year. It is in addition to the moving of the per pupil revenue (PPR) to the Charter Schools. The chart shows the current results of this annual cost per Charter School student. With about 125,000 Charter School students in Colorado this cost loss is about \$600,000,000 annually. Would it not be a good goal to get this money back into our public education system? Would it not be good to do as Governor Newsom of California is doing to look at this financial impact? Would it not be good to look at our state law which says the cost of Charter Schools cannot be a factor in approving a Charter School?**

**I think that the Colorado public schools could use this \$600,000,000 per year to benefit our students. School choice should also be more efficient!**

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### **Summary of annual cost of Charter Schools on Public Schools**

<b>Author</b>	<b>Location of Study</b>	<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Annual Cost per Charter Student</b>
Lisa Mieritz	Colorado	2006-07	\$3,082
Bifulco & Reback	Albany, NY	2009-10	\$3,430
Bifulco & Reback	Buffalo, NY	2009-10	\$3,698
Boston Consulting Gp	Philadelphia, PA	2011-12	\$5,600
Ladd & Singleton Duke U	Durham, NC	2013-14	\$3,135 - \$5,076
Afton Partners	Philadelphia, PA	2013-14	\$4,824
MGT Assoc	Los Angeles, CA	2014-15	\$4,957
MGT Assoc	Nashville, TN	2015-16	\$6,557
Lapp et al Res for Action	Philadelphia, PA	2016-17	\$4,433
Lapp et al Res for Action	Rural PA dist	2016-17	\$6,701
ITPI Gordon Lafer	San Diego, Oakland CA	2018	\$5,000, \$5,700

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