

Honorable Senator Eric LaFleur,

I am writing to make sure you are aware that New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy is a Type 2 Public Charter School in Louisiana and there is a critical case pending before the Louisiana State Supreme Court which can have a lasting impact on the future of nearly 600 students in grades 9-12.

Since 2011, we have been educating our students and preparing them for their future. Many are enrolled in ROTC, preparing them to be our leaders of tomorrow. Our school, located in New Orleans, consistently has strong test performance scores; ranking the military public charter school as one of the city's best.

We believe the school's unique mission with a military culture is a factor in the school's success. NOMMA provides its students with quality mentors and employs dozens of excellent teachers and staff.

Regardless of where you stand on charters, I know you support quality public education. Our school offers that to our families. As the Supreme Court decides some critical funding questions, I am asking for your support on behalf of our students and teachers to allow us to continue doing good things for our children and our community.

We hope you will take the time to come and visit our school and see the public education we are providing our students. If the legislature is asked to weigh in on any issues impacting our schools, we hope we can count on you to keep our doors open. We need your support today, tomorrow, and in the future.

Regards,

Dr. Cecilia Garcia
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