

## Greenfield School Committee Endorsement of Tuition Underwriting Petition

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Dear Tracy,

I wanted to let you know that the Greenfield School Committee unanimously endorsed the Tuition Underwriting petition at our October meeting. The petition calls for the state, rather than local school districts, to pay tuition for charter school and choice-out students.

We were encouraged by Jesus Leyva's remarks on the importance of collective action among school districts facing this financial challenge, and we understand that additional nearby committees are also likely to endorse soon. We see this as an important step towards equitable funding for all school districts.

Below is an excerpt from our October meeting on this topic and attached is the petition we endorsed.

Please let me know if there are next steps we should be aware of or how we can support this effort further.

Best regards,  
Glenn Johnson-Mussad

### E. Tuition Underwriting Petition

AC moved that the Greenfield School Committee endorse the Tuition Underwriting petition as presented. ED 2nd

Petition asks state, not local school district, to pay tuition for charter school and choice-out students.

Jesus Leyva, sponsor of the petition, was invited to speak. He stressed the value of school districts facing the same challenge to join together for change. Two more nearby school committees likely to endorse soon. Not just regional issue: affects all school districts. Clarified that issue is not whether charter schools or school-choice are good; it's about who should pay for it.

Motion passed unanimously.



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