

Charter Schools Are Not Public Schools

Student “A” attends a school operated by the district community via an elected board of education. Student “B” attends a charter school operated by a private corporation with no elected board member. Student “A” enjoys the protection of the board of education, which is accountable to the citizens of the school community. Student “B” has no protection from the public, but is subject to the whims of a private management firm. The private management firm is NOT accountable to the public.

The only thing that is “public” about the charters is that taxpayers foot the bill for charters. Some disingenuous politicians and their devotees mouth the words, “Public money makes charters ‘public.’” If so, charters should be subject to all the laws and regulations applied to authentic public schools. Private voucher schools would then become public schools.