

**Public School Facilities Need Attention According to an October 13 Front Page Article in the Columbus Dispatch. Charter School Impact?**

The condition of school facilities in Columbus was an issue in the Columbus teacher strike. This possibly triggered THE Columbus Dispatch to check, via public health records, the condition of school facilities in other districts. Many of the issues/conditions found by health inspectors were minor and could be easily corrected; other issues, such as leaky roofs, require time and finances.

Charter school growth is becoming a problem in this area because of the financial drain on real public schools and the demand of the charter industry and their advocates demanding (and receiving) more state funds for facilities.

State policy, as it relates to charters, is wrong-headed. It is extremely inefficient to require taxpayers to pony-up for charter school facilities in addition to the facilities for authentic public school.