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Re: Alternative Education for "At-Risk" Youth

Dear Mr. Thornton and Mr. Brady:

I am writing in support of Delaware Valley High School – Bustleton ("DVHS") and its proposed Resolution and Program Placement Agreement Addendum providing the Philadelphia School District the opportunity to take advantage of placing 100 students for the 2007 – 2008 academic year.


DVHS is a results oriented school that prides itself on offering cost effective education programs serving Philadelphia "at-risk" youth. After thirty-seven years committed to Philadelphia area youth, today DVHS boasts a 93% graduation rate and a plan to save the School District of Philadelphia \$1.1 million.

Mr. Shulick's hard work in designing a special student management system geared solely to the needs of our youth, combined with a full array of educational tracks and options for students, is precisely the type of opportunity that our school district should be capitalizing on.

It is with great pleasure that I support the program, and hope that you are able to promptly execute the Program Placement Agreement.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


Chaka Fattah
Member of Congress