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Mr. Joel Medley
Director, Office of Charter Schools
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
301 N. Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27601-2825

Re: Impact Statement Regarding Cumberland Academy

As per G.S. 115C-238.29D(d)(e) I am submitting an impact statement on behalf of Cumberland County Schools. The following are my responses to the impact questions

Dear Mr. Medley:

1. What is the name of the charter school for which this information is being provided? *Cumberland Academy*
2. Does your LEA support or oppose the approval of this charter?
We oppose the charter based on duplication of services and the program is designed to serve students not currently enrolled in Cumberland County Schools.
3. Estimated financial impact:
We believe, based on the application, it is safe to assume we will lose approximately one million dollars in local money to provide services to students that are not currently enrolled in our system.
4. What will be the projected enrollment growth or grade expansion at the charter school and what percentage of the Average Daily Membership (ADM) does that reflect for your LEA?
Since this program is geared to children not currently enrolled in public schools, the impact on enrollment may not be significant.

5. Does the charter's proposed growth duplicate an existing program or service in the LEA?

We already have performing and visual arts in every school. We have opportunity for students to be in honors choirs and orchestra. In addition, we have a tradition of award winning bands. We also have a Visual and Performing Arts choice program that is open to our students. We have received Kennedy Center Awards for our program.

6. Describe the specific impact that you expect the charter school's proposed growth may have on your LEA.

Since this charter school targets students that are not in the system, we will be required to give monies from our current allocations and this will lead to reduction in programs and services. The total impact of where the cuts will need to be made is not possible at this time but considering that we are already in a \$14,000,000 deficit, these additional cuts will be hurtful.

7. Additional information:

I believe the board of directors may have a conflict of interest in that one member will be the management company and another will receive rent for the building.

Sincerely,



Frank Till