

**BOARD OF EDUCATION CLEVELAND
HEIGHTS-UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
University Heights, Ohio**

RESOLUTION 16-_____

**AUTHORIZATION TO INVOICE THE STATE OF OHIO VIA THE OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REFUNDING THE CHARTER SCHOOL
DEDUCTIONS IN EXCESS OF STATE FUNDING**

WHEREAS, per the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Ohio Revised Code, and the Ohio Administrative Guidelines; it is the duty of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools to deliver educational programs and services to the children attending said schools, and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education is elected and under sworn oath of office to serve the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools community to ensure an adequate, effective, responsible, and productive education system, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio created a secondary "public" schools system known as charter schools, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio created this charter school system with less control, oversight, and regulation as to their public school system or secondary set of rules, and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools Board of Education has no control of the academic outcomes of its residential students attending a charter school, or the financial spending of any charter school, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has spent billions of dollars on these charters since 2000, and

WHEREAS, the charter schools academic reports by the Ohio Department of Education show as a whole these charter schools to be performing not better than and/or lower than the traditional public schools, and

WHEREAS, now it is repeatedly reported and questioned in the public media as to evidence of manipulation of data and continued resistance of charter school sponsors to operate with full transparency like the traditional public schools systems, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio charter school system is funded by extraction of State Formula funding, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio fails to fully fund the State Formula as operated by the Ohio Department of Education, and

WHEREAS, the State Formula funds the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools for ALL students (public and charter) on a State Share and not on full State student allocation, and

WHEREAS, the State Formula calculates the funding for charters schools on the FULL State student allocation including any student specific program weights as in the State Formula thus taking excess funding from the students being educated in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education is now demanding the State of Ohio refund \$22,507,019 to the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools; amount of excess funding the State sent to charter schools at the expense of the students it educates;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Board of Education authorizes and directs the Treasurer/CFO to invoice the State of Ohio via the Ohio Department of Education for said excess funding provided to the charter schools and sending a copy to the Governor of the State, the President of the Ohio Senate, the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, and the District's Senators.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Roll Call Vote:

James Posch	_____
Ron Register	_____
Eric Silverman	_____
Beverly Wright	_____
Kal Zucker	_____