

# SAVE CHESTER UPLAND'S SCHOOLS

## Chester Upland's educators and support professionals care about our community's kids

That's why we're partnering with our neighbors to save Chester Upland's neighborhood public schools



### What's happening?

The Chester Community Charter School has filed a petition with the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas asking a judge to convert all Chester Upland public schools for prekindergarten through eighth-grade students to charter schools under the district's Financial Recovery Plan.



### Why are we concerned?

We have deep concerns about expanding charter schools in Chester Upland especially as our educators and support professionals struggle to meet the needs of our students with insufficient resources. The last thing we need right now is **an expansion of charter schools that will drain even more resources from our neighborhood schools**. And it could be the first step toward charterizing every school building in the district.

### Why do we need neighborhood schools?

Chester Upland's educators and support professionals are committed to our community's children. We live in this community, we are your neighbors, and we care about the success of the children of Chester Upland. While many districts like Chester Upland experience high rates of turnover, **our public schools employ many veteran educators who have been teaching in this community for decades**. That level of commitment makes a difference in the lives of Chester Upland's students.



### Where will our tax dollars go?

**Some of our tax dollars will likely go to for-profit companies.** While charter schools must be operated by nonprofit organizations under Pennsylvania law, they often spend a lot of taxpayer money contracting for school services with for-profit enterprises. **If the goal is to make a profit off the education of Chester Upland's students, it's hard to imagine how taxpayers like us will come out ahead.**



### What can we do about it?

Chester Upland's educators and support professionals are **engaging with district and community leaders and our neighbors to make sure that our voices are heard in this process**. We all live in Chester Upland, and we know better than anyone what our community and our students need. That is a valuable perspective that must be considered in this process.

**Learn More** 



**JOIN EDUCATORS, PARENTS, AND  
CHESTER COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WANT TO  
***SAVE CHESTER UPLAND  
SCHOOLS*****

**Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, 4:30 p.m.  
EYRE PARK**

**NEXT TO CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL  
200 WEST NINTH STREET  
CHESTER, PA 19013**

***This rally will occur on the eve of an important court hearing  
on the future of the district's public schools.***

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