**REJECTION OF CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION**

**[SAMPLE BOARD RESOLUTION]**

Whereas, the General Assembly is currently debating whether to expand charter schools across the state of Missouri, and

Whereas, charter schools are classified as public schools and funded by state and local tax payers but are governed by unelected boards, and

Whereas, if the General Assembly allows charter schools to expand into our school district, taxpayers in our community will not have a say in whether a charter school is needed, and

Whereas, if charter schools open, money will be removed from classrooms due to increased overhead and operating costs, and

Whereas, in 2016 less than half of the charter schools in the State of Missouri met basic performance standards, and

Whereas, since 1999 twenty-one charter schools have failed in the St. Louis and Kansas City School Districts costing state and local taxpayers more than $620 million, and

Whereas, when a failing charter school closes, school districts are forced to spend additional time and resources to bring those transferring students up to grade level, and

Whereas, our local taxpayers demand effective and efficient use of the resources they provide our school district, and

Whereas, our school district strives to provide the best educational experiences for our students and charter schools would only serve to dilute resources for students in our community.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School District hereby urge legislators in the General Assembly to reject the expansion of charter schools in the State of Missouri.