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January 23, 2018

The Honorable Catherine Fisher Collins  
New York State Board of Regents  
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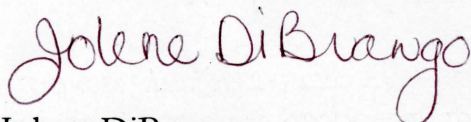
Dear Regent Collins:

On behalf of the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT), I want to thank you for being a strong and vocal advocate for public education. I very much appreciate your leadership and support you bring to the Regents on behalf of students and educators.

At this month's Regents P-12 Education Committee meeting during a discussion about a proposed enrollment increase for a charter school located in Yonkers, you asked two very important questions—how much does this cost and can the Yonkers School District afford it? Unfortunately, you were not provided with any answers to these questions. It is our sincere hope that you will continue to ask such vital questions, especially as it relates to charter schools and the financial impact that charter schools have on existing public schools.

Again, thank you for speaking out on this important issue and I look forward to building a collaborative partnership with you and all the members of the Board of Regents.

Sincerely,



Jolene DiBrango  
Executive Vice President

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