

Mr. Alberto Carvalho,
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Dear Mr. Carvalho:

Los Angeles Unified School District faces many challenges and has many areas where they can improve and one of those areas is in your dealings with charter schools abusing the system and denying the students of LAUSD the resources that the taxpayers have allocated for them.

When California created the law authorizing charter schools to co-locate on public school campuses, it was with the expectation that all parties would follow both the letter and spirit of a shared environment. Frequently however, schools like Citizens of the World Charter consistently overestimate their expected enrollment, taking extra resources from schools like Shirley Ave Elementary leaving the students of Shirley Ave being denied infrastructure that should be going to them, while rooms sit empty or illegally utilized by the charter.

There is a mechanism that prevents charter schools from doing this where LAUSD is able to bill the charter for taking more than they are legally entitled to, but for several years LAUSD has refused to push for restitution.

I know that the almost \$15 million owed by charters to LAUSD is a pittance compared to a budget of \$8 billion, but the cost to the children of Shirley Ave Elementary is huge. The only way to get charters to stop taking resources that rob the children of their rightful resources. When charters, when anyone, are able to operate with impunity, without any repercussions for their actions, they will continue to abuse a system that is based upon honest intentions.

On Behalf of the Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council Warner Center

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