



Addendum to Rilke Schule Charter
January 28th, 2011

There are two items in the Rilke Schule Charter that must be noted.

On Page 11 of the Charter Document (Page 18 of the .pdf file) the last sentence of the first paragraph reads as follows:

“Lottery procedures will also include a preference for children of Rilke Schule staff members.”

This sentence was specifically denied in the Charter Renewal by the Anchorage School Board. The original document still needs to be edited to reflect that.

On Page 12 of the Charter Document (Page 19 of the .pdf file) the last section titled “Deselection” was also denied by the School Board. The following email reflects the current status of this issue.

From: Meade_Mary
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 5:36 PM
To: Hoffbauer_Diane
Cc: Hancock_Elizabeth
Subject: Deselection of students

Hello,

I'm just clarifying that we cannot “deselect” students for poor attendance, poor behavior, lack of parent volunteer hours, or for any other reason other than a School Board expulsion. I know there was a deselection paragraph in your charter renewal, but the School Board said they were not approving that section in either your charter or Rilke Schule's. They said Eagle Academy's must have slipped past them and they would address that at the annual meeting.

Ed Graff did say that he wanted to schedule a meeting with the principals of all the schools who have lotteries and discuss this issue sometime this spring. Although all of our families fill out the Zone Exemption paper, the Board made it clear they do not consider charter schools or alternative programs the same as zone exemptions at neighborhood schools who do have some leeway in not renewing zone exemptions if there have been severe attendance or behavior problems.

I know that some charter schools in the Mat Valley do deselect several students at the end of each year. I will try and determine how they are allowed to do so.

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