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Governor Cuomo and his allies in the New York Senate are still maneuvering to pass legislation that would open the door to 250 more charter schools in New York City.

Why should charter operators be rewarded when so many do not educate all students?

The majority of New York City charter schools ignore a law requiring them to enroll and keep the same percentage of high-needs students as neighboring public schools. When we surveyed every school district and every charter school in the city earlier this year, we found glaring patterns of inequality across the city.

East New York's PS 401, which must share its building with Leadership Preparatory Ocean Hill Charter School, is a case in point. "Almost 50 percent of our students are transient, which is understandable because our school is surrounded by shelters," said Paula Richardson, a teacher at PS 401. "We serve the community the school is in. At the charter school in the same building, only 8 percent of the students come from shelters. They're not truly serving kids from the community."

Help spread the word that charter schools do not educate all children by sharing this Facebook graphic:

“ This is what I challenge
charter schools to do:
The kids that come
through your door —
keep them. Educate
all kids, not just
a few.”

—Paula Richardson
teacher,
PS 401,
Brooklyn



Working together, we can make sure our state lawmakers keep their priorities straight by supporting, rather than undermining, New York City public schools.

Sincerely,

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