

November 2018

Jeffrey C. Riley, Commissioner  
MA Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education  
75 Pleasant St  
Malden MA 02148

Dear Commissioner Riley,

I am writing to support the request by Global Learning Charter Public School (GLCPS) for an additional 100 student seats. As the longest-serving charter school in New Bedford, GLCPS has developed its programs, curriculum and culture so that every child in grades 5-12 can succeed. A consistently large wait list (currently about 300 students) speaks to the appeal of the school as an excellent choice for families in a city with evident educational challenges.

As [your title/profession/expertise], I have experienced this through [description of your interaction with the school.]

GLCPS is a valuable partner in the city of New Bedford, a city that still struggles to close the achievement gap and boost graduation rates. GLCPS has demonstrated notable success in providing area children with the tools and resources they need to reach their full potential. The school embraces and promotes project-based learning, with an additional focus on building public speaking skills, technology literacy and arts exploration. With a robust school-to-career program, GLCPS begins charting the course for post-secondary education during freshman year, developing appropriate programs of study and engaging families in the process. Overall, the school's success can be measured in many ways, including a strong graduation rate, low absentee and suspension numbers, and strong MCAS scores, particularly in 10th grade, where the MCAS scores routinely meet or exceed the state average.

By approving GLCPS's request, you are increasing accessibility for those families who believe this is the best learning environment for their children. I urge you to honor this request, not only for the students and their families, but also for the betterment of New Bedford.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title, if applicable]

[Company/Organization, if applicable]