

doing enough to oppose) charter schools.

3) Media: If you haven't talked to any local papers lately (not the Post or Times), it's time to do so. With school having finished and reporters having more time on their hands, contacting them now will ensure that you get the first word when it comes to any story they may want to do. Test scores for the 2003 school year will be published this summer, so it's even more important for you to be proactive in contacting the media and DC's policymakers.

In closing, let me just say that this situation underscores why it is vital that DC have a new charter school association that is able to respond, alongside its local partners, to such issues. More importantly, a strong association staff will be prepared to handle this the minute it happens again in the future.

We are delighted that association is under formation and urge you to act with all due speed in getting it up and running.

Let me or Anna@edreform.com know if you need help on any of these suggestions or have feedback.

Best regards,

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