

Charter Day School



“Excellence Through Choice”

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Ballantine to Meet Charter Parents

Leland: State Senator Patrick Ballantine is scheduled to visit Charter Day School in Brunswick County on Monday morning, April 19. Senator Ballantine is a candidate in the Republican primary for that party’s nomination for governor of North Carolina. The purpose of the visit is to meet and exchange views with the parents of this charter school.

Charter Day School opened in 2000 with 68 students in grades K-2. Its success is illustrated by its current enrollment of 393 students from five counties in grades K-5, and it has 520 students enrolled for next year with waiting lists in every grade.

“We have a standing invitation to all public figures to visit our school and speak with the staff and parents,” said Mark Cramer, Headmaster of the school. “We all benefit by every exchange of views between citizens and government, and we are grateful for Senator Ballantine taking the time to come out and meet with us. Charter schools are becoming an important component in our K-12 system in exploring innovative approaches to education. We believe that we can help by joining in with traditional public schools to share new ideas that work to benefit all of our children,” Mr. Cramer added.

“I am a strong advocate for public schools, but also believe we must repeal the arbitrary cap on charter schools and fight the discrimination against home schoolers,” Senator Ballantine said. Senator Ballantine said that it is important to give parents options in choosing the best possible means for educating their children.

“Parental choice gives families a true sense of ‘ownership’ in their child’s education and signals school officials as to what factors citizens consider as important priorities,” agrees Headmaster Cramer. “Over time, freedom of choice can steer us towards achieving the highest standards of excellence possible,” he added.

The public is also invited to meet with Senator Ballantine at the school at 8:30 AM Monday morning. The school is located 14 minutes west of Wilmington on Old Maco Road just south of the traffic light at the H74-76 and H87 South intersection. Interested parties may call the school at 655-1214.