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Danbury Chartered Public School: A Community Vision for Educational Opportunity

Danbury, New Hampshire - Following the closure of the Danbury Elementary School, local families, educators and community members have united around a shared vision: creating a tuition-free public charter school that keeps high-quality education rooted in the Danbury community.

The proposed Danbury Chartered Public School aims to serve students and families from Danbury and neighboring towns by offering an innovative, student-centered educational option while preserving the values and close-knit spirit that define the Newfound region.

VISION

The vision is to create a nurturing K-4 environment where every child is known, supported, and challenged to reach their full potential. Supporters envision an agricultural/environmentally based school that celebrates community involvement, encourages innovation, and prepares students to become engaged, compassionate citizens.

Benefits for Students, Families, and the Community

Preserving Local Education

The charter school would allow many Danbury-area children to attend school in their own community rather than traveling elsewhere.

Expanded Educational Choice

Families deserve public education options that recognize different educational philosophies.

Strong Community Connections

Local businesses, organizations, volunteers and families would play an active role in supporting student learning and school activities.

No Tuition Cost

As a public chartered school, attendance would be free to New Hampshire families.

Innovation Within Public Education

Greater flexibility allows chartered schools to explore creative approaches to curriculum, scheduling, and hands-on learning experiences. The Danbury Chartered Public School will be an agricultural/environmentally based elementary school for grades Kindergarten through four.

Concerns Often Raised

Supporters recognize that some residents have expressed concerns regarding:

- The impact of enrollment shifts on the Newfound Area School District;
- Financial implications as state education funding follows students;
- Questions about whether programs may overlap with existing district offerings; and
- The potential for differing opinions within the community regarding the future of public education.

Why Supporters Believe This Matters

Supporters emphasize that the Danbury Chartered Public School is not intended to replace the Newfound Area School District. Rather, it is designed to expand opportunities for families seeking a local educational environment while remaining within the public education system.

They believe that educational choice strengthens communities by empowering parents, encouraging innovation, and ensuring that students have access to learning environments where they can succeed.

The proposal reflects a simple belief: every child deserves an excellent education, and families should have the opportunity to choose the public school setting that best meets their needs.

As the state reviews the charter application, community members are encouraged to learn more, ask questions, and participate thoughtfully in the conversation. While opinions may differ, the common goal remains the same: providing the very best educational opportunities for the children of Danbury and the greater Newfound region.

"A Community Saving a School and a School Saving a Community" This vision reflects the hope that Danbury can once again be home to a vibrant elementary school built through local commitment, collaboration, and a shared investment in the future of its children.

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