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**Branch Resolution against Charter School Conversion**

We, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch of the PPTA, are opposed to any move towards charter status.

We believe that, not only has the case for the educational benefits of charter schools been disproven, but that charter schools represent a threat to the learning conditions of our students, as well as teachers’ pay and conditions.

Charter schools divert funds away from frontline teaching and the democratic accountability of our schools. We request that the Board of Trustees provides a firm commitment they will not seek to become a charter school.

We ask that the Board of Trustees respond to this request no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so that we can determine our next steps.

Resolution passed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch of the PPTA

Resolution passed on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Branch Letter to the Board**

Tēnā koe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School Board,

Please find attached to this letter a copy of the \_\_ [­school]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Branch of the PPTA Resolution Against Charter School Conversion.

As a branch, we wish to remain a part of the state system, and do not wish to be converted into a Charter School.

We believe that the conversion to a Charter School would be the wrong decision for our school. Internationally, charter schools have been shown to add very little to the educational outcomes of students but have detrimental consequences to the school community.

We wish to remain part of the collective agreement which is negotiated between the PPTA and the Ministry of Education. The collective agreement guarantees a standard of employment that ensures teachers’ working conditions provide the best learning conditions for our students.

We would love to hear a similar commitment from our school board and welcome further discussion.

Ngā mihi,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch of the PPTA

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**Branch Letter to the Principal**

Tēnā koe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_[principal name]\_\_\_\_,

Please find attached to this letter a copy of the \_\_[­school]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Branch of the PPTA Resolution Against Charter Schools Conversion.

As a branch, we wish to remain a part of the state system, and do not wish to be converted into a Charter School.

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We would love to hear a similar commitment from our school leadership, and welcome further discussion.

Nga mihi

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