

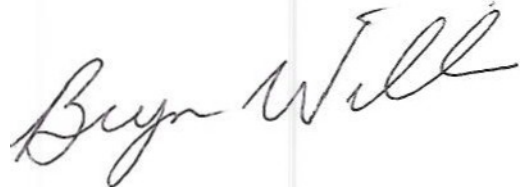
BRYON WILLIAMS

To the New Jersey Department of Education,

My name is Bryon Williams and my son, Jahki Daniely, is a student at the Paulo Friere Charter School in Newark New Jersey and I am appalled at the Commissioner's decision to close the school. My son has grown and developed a lot while attending the Paulo Friere Charter School. The Paulo Friere Charter School has provided him with a safe and learning environment free from gang or bullying activity. Now my son is going to be sent to a school with much lower ranking with tons of gang activity. I fear for his safety.

I have done research on other Newark Public High Schools (excluding Magnet High Schools) as well as other Charter Schools and the Paulo Friere Charter School ranks higher in graduation rates, SAT Score rates, PSAT Score rates and 4 year college acceptance rates. I feel whole heartedly that you have a made a grave mistake in closing the Paulo Friere Charter School. I urge you to reverse your decision to close the Paulo Friere Charter School and allow our children to grow and develop in a safe and good learning environment.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryon Williams". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of a vertical line.

Bryon Williams