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Letter to the editor

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During his term as Commissioner of Education, Charlie Crist supported charter schools and choice in education. Charter schools flourished under his guidance and have continued to be a vital component of Florida's K-12 education system for a decade. The FCPCS appreciates that Governor Crist has always been, and continues to be, a strong supporter of public charter schools and their students.

We are disappointed by the 1st District Court of Appeal's ruling that the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission violates the constitution, but we look forward to working with the Governor's office and the legislature to help propose corrective legislation.

Regards,

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