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Schiavoni Leads Panel On Charter Schools

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Charter Panel: Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) and other advocates will hold a forum on charter school accountability and performance May 7.

Central Ohio Friends of Public Education will sponsor the event to be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Upper Arlington Public Library, 2800 Tremont Road, the group said. It will convene "concerned community members" at this first local discussion.

In addition to the senator, other panelists include retired Department of Education charter school office staffer Denis Smith, retired Ohio Virtual Academy Head of Schools Jeff Shaw, Innovation Ohio Education Policy Fellow Steven Dyer, a Southwestern City School's treasurer and school board member, and a Columbus City Schools teacher.

"Did You Know: 87% of Ohio's charter school students attend a charter school with a D or F rating?" according to the advisory. "Billions of our public tax dollars are funding failing charter schools that only graduate 30-40% of their students while Ohio's public schools graduate 81.5% of their students.

"Failing charter schools are exempt from over 150 state laws and accountability measures that our underfunded public schools are required to follow.

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