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Hundreds Gather at Capital to Celebrate Charter Law

Agora Cyber Charter School rallied in Harrisburg today for celebrate the 20th anniversary of charter schools in Pennsylvania

Harrisburg, PA (June 19, 2017) - Agora Cyber Charter School joined a number of other schools today to rally in Harrisburg to celebrate the 20th anniversary of charter school law. Students and staff gathered at the capitol steps at the event, organized by the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools(PCPCS). Families also scheduled a number of visits with their legislators to discuss the importance of cybers and charter schools in Pennsylvania.

Speaking specifically about the evolution of cyber education, Agora Cyber Charter School CEO Dr. Michael Conti remarked: "Parents and students saw an opportunity to escape the boundaries of their zip codes to try a new way of education. And while the controversy continues to this very day whether these schools are viable and valuable, I can say from my own experience that many children would never have had the opportunity to finish school if were not for this choice."

Dr. Conti brings 20 years of experience in the cyber charter field, previously serving as the CEO of Midland based PA Cyber School. Following remarks from Dr. Conti and PCPCS representatives, former Governor Tom Ridge was the keynote speaker. Several school choice advocates from the legislature were also in attendance.

Conti went on to challenge the traditional notion of public school, "We hear that cyber charter schools are not held to the same standards as other public schools. While this certainly makes for a good soundbite, nothing could be further from the truth." Conti stated that cyber schools are often held to a higher standard, and watched under a more critical eye, he then asked "When was the last time anyone suggested that a traditional public school close for a lack of performance?"

Just last week, Agora awarded 800 diplomas to the Class of 2017, easily one of the largest graduating cohorts in Pennsylvania this school year. The graduates reside in 61 of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania, and have all elected to earn their high school diploma online.

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Agora Cyber Charter School is a public virtual charter school serving approximately 7,600 Pennsylvania students in Kindergarten through 12th grade under the authorization of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Agora Cyber Charter School inspires students to reach their highest levels of academic achievement that complements their learning style. For additional information call 844-40-AGORA or visit www.Agora.org.