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COMMISSION STILL OPEN AND WORKING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

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OLYMPIA – In response to confusion caused by today’s headline in the Seattle Times, which read, “State Charter School Commission starts to pack up,” the Commission feels the need to clarify and provide context around the conversation which took place in the Special Meeting yesterday morning. The Commission, first and foremost, is committed to serving charter leaders as they continue to provide a high-quality education for their students. Commissioners and staff will remain fully engaged in this effort as the charters and the community organizations that support them explore every available option to fulfill the promise of these new schools. As a state agency, the Commission is required by law during this 20 day period to provide information to the state for public records. It has been asked to begin to collect that information and will do so. The Commission is not closing shop and in fact requested that our legal counsel pursue a legal remedy that would call for the schools to receive public funds this year, providing much needed stability to 1,200 students so that the legislature can address the issue either in a special session or in its next legislative session in January.

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