

STATE OF WISCONSIN

JIM DOYLE
GOVERNOR

November 26, 2003

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY:

I am vetoing Assembly Bill 503 in its entirety. This bill increases the enrollment limit for the charter school established by the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin - Parkside from 400 to 480 students beginning in the 2004-05 school year.

I am vetoing this bill because the current limit of 400 students provides adequate room for the school to grow this biennium. Current enrollment estimates indicate that 300 to 310 students will be attending the charter school in 2003-04.

Further, I am vetoing this bill because modifications to charter school law should be considered as part of a larger reform effort that benefits public school children.

Increasing the enrollment limit at the University of Wisconsin - Parkside charter school may have merit. However, at a time when the cap is not interfering with enrollment, and there is no agreement on comprehensive reform that addresses the needs of public school children, I cannot sign this bill into law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Doyle".

JIM DOYLE
Governor