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Senator /u/DexterAamo is holding a rally in the inner city of New Orleans, discussing charter schools with minority parents.

/u/DexterAamo: “Wow, this is some great turnout! Thank you all for being here today. I’m here to talk to you about education, a topic which I know a lot of you care about, especially those among us here who have to raise children in the city’s broken public school system.”

/u/DexterAamo: “When Representative /u/ColdBrewCoffee submitted B.183, which bans charter schools, he didn’t take into account the people most affected by it. He didn’t take into account the students who go on to achieve great things because of their charter school education. He didn’t take into account the educators working to help their students do better in life. He didn’t take into account the parents supporting their children looking for a better life. And most importantly, he didn’t take into account hundreds of studies showing that charter schools work!”

Cheers from the crowd.

/u/DexterAamo: “Fact: African American charter school students in New York are more than twice as likely as African American students in the school district are to test proficient in math. Fact: Across the nation, charter school students test higher than public school students from similar demographics and incomes. Fact: charter schools encourage educational competition.”

/u/DexterAamo: “You don’t just have to look nationally for proof though. People right here in New Orleans are benefitting from charter schools, as I’m certain you know! After Hurricane Katrina, local government moved to a charter school model, and students benefited. Between 2004 and 2014, the percentage of

students scoring at or above grade level on tests doubled from 31% to 62%. The on time High School graduation rate rose from 54% to 73%. The percentage of students attending schools in the bottom 10 percent statewide fell from 60% to 13%. Lots of people on the left like to say that your education shouldn't depend on your zip code. Well, they've got a friend in Representative Frost, because he knows that charter schools deliver a fair education for all!"

The crowd applauds. Dexter waits a few seconds before continuing again.

/u/DexterAamo: "Chris might just be the Republican candidate for Governor, but he's working on how to help all Dixians, not just his supporters. And Chris knows that school choice is one of the best ways to do so. /u/JarlFrosty will expand charter school alternatives to public schools as governor, and expand funding for them so that lower income students can get the education they deserve. In addition, he'll work within our public school system to increase test scores via merit based pay."

/u/DexterAamo: "Charter schools might be politically controversial, but they're the right way to go. Especially as we move into a more technology focused age, it is essential that our children have the tools and skills they need to get good, high paying jobs. With the use of charter schools and merit based pay, we can achieve a future for all of us. If fortunate enough to be elected, Chris is the man with a plan for education. Of all the candidates in the race, he's the only one serious about helping our children. With that said, I'd be glad to take some questions. You, in the front, right there."

Middle Aged Man: "Yes, hello. What would Representative Frost do about S.B.736, the merit pay law that Governor Scott signed a few years ago?"

/u/DexterAamo: "Representative Frost and the GOP are full supporters of S.B.736, which incentivises good teaching, and we will make sure it stays in

place. We've seen noticeably positive across the board effects since it was passed, we are proud to keep Dixie as a national leader in education reform, especially in areas like tenure and merit pay. Tenure especially is a pet issue of mine, and I am very proud that we were able to lead the nation in it's abolishment back in 2014. Tenure is a relic of when teaching jobs were often used as political leverage, but it's no longer needed today, and it's repeal has allowed our schools to replace bad teachers with good ones. To answer your question, Representative Frost will defend S.B.736 in office and veto any attempts to repeal it. All right, you next."

Dexter points to a women in the third row.

Women: "You're talking about education today, but you haven't mentioned college at all. My daughter is currently in college, and I was wondering about Representative Frost's stance on free college, since my daughter is currently dealing with a lot of student loans. Could you give any clarity on that?"

/u/DexterAamo: "I'm sorry to hear about your daughter's struggles ma'am. As a father, I empathize. With that said, Representative Frost does not support free college. He believes it would be unaffordable for the people of Dixie and that it isn't the responsibility of government to pay for it. In addition, he believes it would be unfair for a minority of people who chose to obtain a degree to have their debt paid by hard working taxpayers, the majority of whom don't have degrees themselves, or who paid their own debt."

After answering a few more questions, Dexter exited behind cheers and shouts of "Frost for Dixie", before heading off to his next rally.