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Dear Sarasota County School Board Members,

I am writing to urge you to reject the pending application from Charter Schools USA, to open a charter school in Wellen Park, North Port. Charter Schools USA is the second largest for-profit education management organization in both Florida and the United States, and it uses a predatory model to extract millions out of public funds and puts those dollars into the pockets of its founder and CEO, Jonathan Hage. Every dollar that goes into Mr. Hage’s pocket means one less dollar going into the education of our children. More importantly, Charter Schools USA will not provide the quality level of education that we have come to expect in Sarasota County.

Our children are NOT a commodity.

**Our children are NOT FOR PROFIT.**

Please do the right thing.

**REJECT the application from Charter Schools USA!**