Resolution Supporting Reform of
the Charter and Cyber Charter School Funding Formula
By the Board of Directors
of the CONEMAUGH VALLEY School District

WHEREAS, the current state funding formula for regular and special education in charter and
cyber charter schools bears no relationship to the actual instructional costs incurred by the
charter schools, and is instead based on the cost of educating the student in the district of
residence; and

WHEREAS, cyber charter school operators in particular can educate students at a significantly
lower cost due to the reduced expenses for such elements as personnel, facilities, utilities, text
books, transportation and other supplies; and

WHEREAS, the state’s flawed charter school funding formula is costing taxpayers hundreds of
millions in additional tax dollars, as Pennsylvania’s school districts are facing unprecedented
economic challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth’s reimbursement to school districts for students attending
charter schools was completely eliminated beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, and such
funding is not restored under the proposed 2012-13 state budget for K-12 education; and

WHEREAS, these unreimbursed costs represent a statewide loss of about $224 million to school
districts, and further shift the burden to the local property taxpayers and provide no mandate
relief to school districts as a way of controlling costs; and

WHEREAS, the CONEMAUGH VALLEY School District’s charter school expenditures for the
past five years reflects extraordinary costs that were borne by its taxpayers as follows:

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<th>School Year</th>
<th>District Expenditures</th>
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<td>2006-07</td>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CONEMAUGH VALLEY School Board
urges its district’s state legislators to support legislation to correct the tuition inequities under the
current charter school funding formula so that the funding received by the charter school reflects
the true cost of educating the child, thus relieving the financial burden charter schools place on
school districts and ensuring that local taxpayers are not overpaying for the services these
schools provide.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this district also urges the General Assembly to correct the flawed funding formula for charter schools as part of larger reforms needed to address appropriate mechanisms for authorization, oversight, and intervention to remedy various funding and governance concerns, as well as to establish and maintain financial and academic accountability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be posted on the district’s website and submitted to the elected state senators and representatives of the Conemaugh Valley School District in the General Assembly, and to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Adopted this 10th day of May, 2012.

Signed,

[Signatures]

School Board President  Board Secretary (seal)