

Because of the option to enroll in a virtual charter school, I have the opportunity to graduate with both my high school diploma and my associates degree this spring. At my old high school, I would have gotten a few college credits here and there from AP classes and whatnot. However, since I had the option to go to a virtual charter school, I have two years of college that I do not have to pay for. I am a student at Metro East Web Academy, and if I could go back, I would do it all again. I love my school, and it has a system that works better for me than the district school I attended. The fact that there is a limit on who can choose to go and who has to stay in their school is not putting the student first, which should be the goal of education and bills surrounding it. Virtual schools aren't for everybody, but neither are public schools, so we must allow the student to make that choice without limiting enrollment. The cap on virtual charter schools does not put the student first.