Letter to the Editor

Writer thinks Paramount Bard deserves better

Dear Editor,

It is unfortunate the issue regarding the Paramount Bard Academy has not received the open and forthright discussion it deserves. Even the candidates for President of the United States addressed the issue of Charter Schools. In reviewing the websites of President-Elect Obama I found the following:

Barack Obama and Joe Biden will double funding for the Federal Charter School Program to support the creation of more successful charter schools. An Obama-Biden administration will provide this expanded charter school funding only to state that improve accountability for charter schools, allow for interventions in struggling charter schools and have a clear process for closing down chronically underperforming states that help the most successful charter schools to expand to serve more students.

It is clear, that scholars and President-Elect Obama agree that charter schools play a positive role in society, and could play a positive role in Delano. Some have suggested the Paramount Bard Academy come to Delano as a private school, failing to realize that funding from the State for those students is lost to both the charter school and local school district.

What does the entire community have to lose by approving a school that is focused on academics and free from the internal politics that occur the district at times?

All the Best,
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