

The State of Education in Lakewood

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The Vision

Access to
Education

SFRA
Equalization Aid

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Renaissance of
Lakewood High
School

Bringing the
School to the
Child

11,500 children in Lakewood have no access to secondary education

- 3,000 will drop out before 12th grade.
- 23,000 have no access to higher mathematics, civics, or physics and chemistry
- 3,500 children with IEPs get no services

15,000 will not get a high school diploma.



Access to
Education

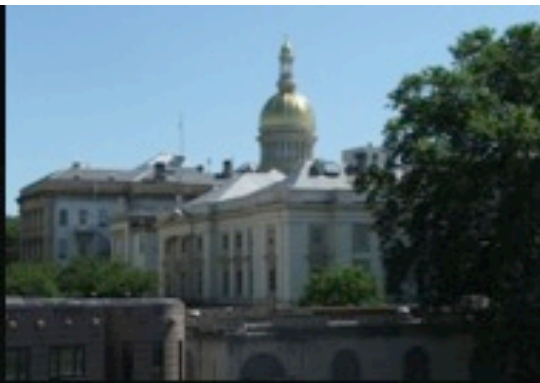
**Correcting this injustice is the
greatest civil rights issue in
Lakewood.**



SFRA Equalization Aid

Make all our children count.

- Lakewood has 28,000 children yet gets only \$15 million from Trenton.
- Patterson has 28,000 children and gets \$342 million from Trenton, 23 times as much as Lakewood.



SFRA
Equalization
Aid

If all our children counted:

Lakewood would receive \$310 million in state aid.
Property taxes will decrease substantially.

**NO CHILD WHO WANTS AN
EDUCATION WILL EVER AGAIN BE
DENIED IT**

SFRA
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**Lakewood will never
again have a budgetary
deficiency.**

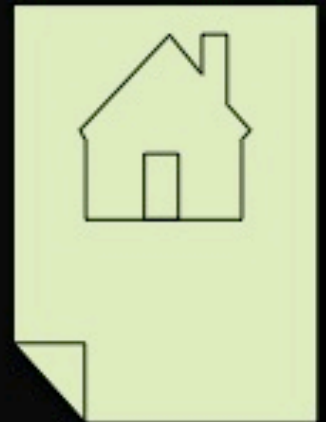


LHS can provide the young women of Lakewood with professional courses and its young men with access to vocational courses and a high school diploma.

If we bring back auto-shop, wood shop, metal shop and drafting to provide a livelihood for young men during afternoon hours, then those same shops will be available in LHS during school hours for regular LHS students.

We can offer GED testing during a convenient time of year. We can provide young people with SAT application forms, guidance counseling, drivers education classes.

The Renaissance of Lakewood High School



What is good for one class of citizens is good for another. Everybody wins.



The Renaissance of Lakewood High School

We can help train the hundreds of private school teachers in standardized curriculum, accountability and professional practices.

We have to teach.
We have to lead.
It is our solemn duty.



We can connect our students with the businesses in town so that their work is integrated with their studies to enhance achievement and build a bridge between the high school and the community.

The Renaissance of Lakewood High School

LHS still has the strongest twenty-first century workforce in town. The district is the largest employer in town and the high school attracts people with degrees in engineering, mathematics, physics, and computers.

As the reputation of LHS improves and becomes an attractive place to work, so will the capacity of LHS to serve the children of Lakewood and to provide Lakewood citizens with cutting edge technology.



The renaissance of LHS will enhance morale and achievement in LHS.

LHS will no longer be a failing school. Enrollment, graduation rates, and our High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) scores will go up.

It takes a village to raise a child. It takes a community to save its schools.

The Renaissance of Lakewood High School

"WE ARE LAKEWOOD... WE WILL BE SOMEBODY!!!"

2:20

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Then my students will hold their head high and say, "We are somebody," because they belong to a school that is important to everyone in Lakewood.



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Lakewood High School put its full curriculum online three years ago using funds from a federal SIG grant.

Bringing the School to the Child



Courses were broken into units, lessons and tasks, with set due dates. Students logged in and reviewed several pages of interactive study. They complete computer generated quizzes and tests, maintained a portfolio of study sheets, discussion questions, journals, practice assignments, dry labs, and written open-ended tests that were hand-graded .

We awarded credit for about 1,000 high courses.

Some students elected to take all classes at home under N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a) which allows students to satisfy the 120 credit requirement with distance learning.

Bringing the School to the Child



The program was a perfect fit for Lakewood, a town in which the vast majority of children cannot physically attend a brick-and-mortar public school.

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- LHS receives full state funding for its distance education students.
- NJ School districts have plenary authority to set attendance and participation policies for distance learning.
- Each student who takes a full course load will bring \$17,876 in 2013 SFRA funding to the people of Lakewood.
- Distance Learning is one of many alternate means of attending high school and attaining a diploma under Option Two of the Administrative Code.



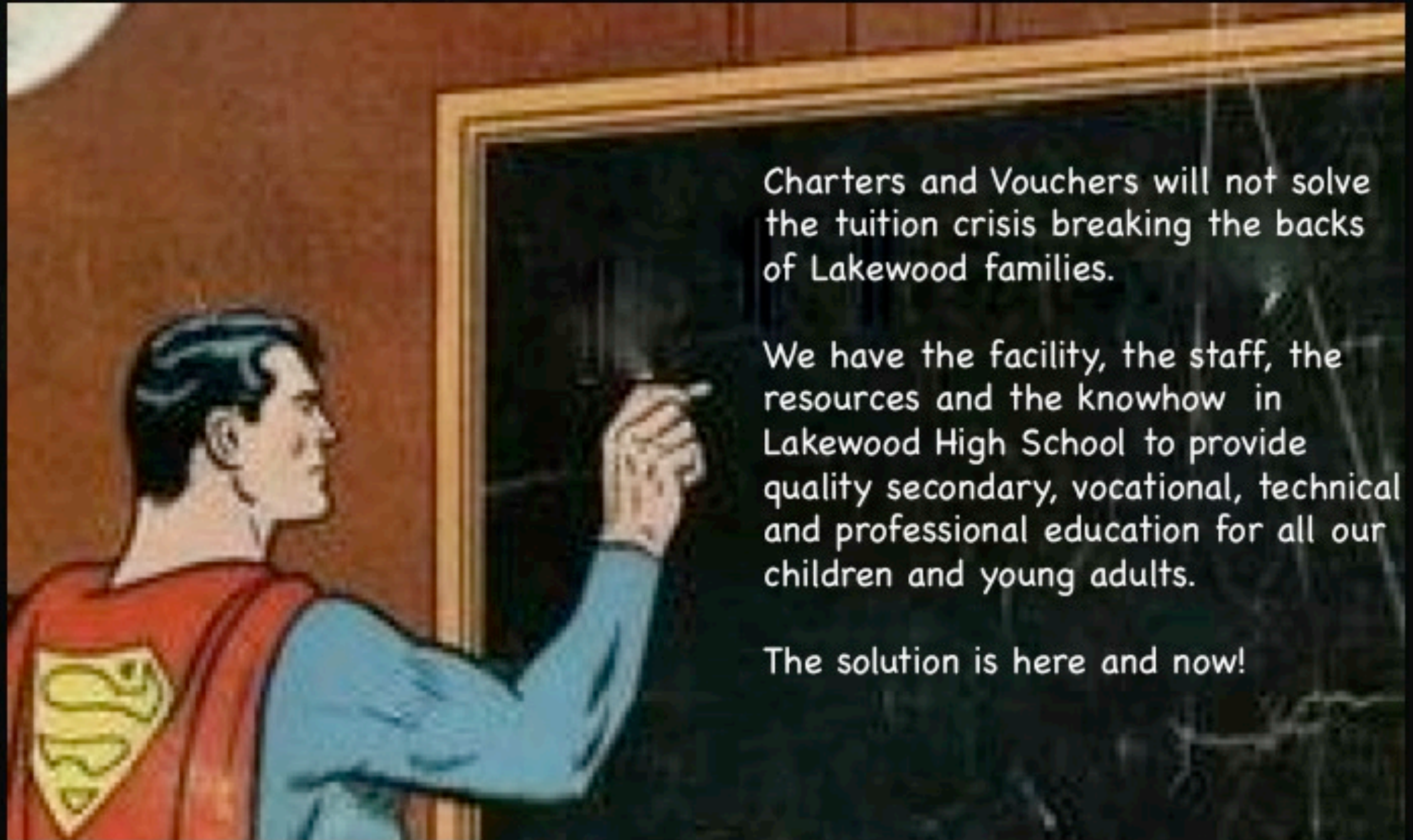
THE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM IS THE OPTION OF THE STUDENT, NOT OF THE ADMINISTRATION. IT WILL NOT REPLACE THE FACULTY AND PHYSICAL PLANT OF LHS.

- *By bringing the school to the child rather than the child to school, 24,000 children will have access to a standardized rigorous curriculum for the first time.*
- Thirteen thousand young men will have the option to get a high school education where no opportunity has existed for decades.
- Every child in Lakewood with an IEP will get special education services.
- HSPA scores will go up. Enrollment will increase. The graduation rate of Lakewood High School will skyrocket.

Bringing the School to the Child

**THIS WILL BE THE TURNAROUND
THAT WE ALL HAVE BEEN WAITING
FOR.**

We Can't Keep "Waiting for Superman."



Charters and Vouchers will not solve the tuition crisis breaking the backs of Lakewood families.

We have the facility, the staff, the resources and the knowhow in Lakewood High School to provide quality secondary, vocational, technical and professional education for all our children and young adults.

The solution is here and now!



Your Decision

DO WE SAVE OUR HIGH SCHOOL, ONE OF OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS IN TOWN, OR STAND BY AND WATCH ITS DISMEMBERMENT, ONE BUILDING AT A TIME?