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Dr. Jack Bedell, vice president of the Orange County Board of Education, representing the board’s fourth district, has released the following statement regarding his vote to deny the Global Business Academy’s charter petition on Wednesday, Sept. 14:

“I have long championed parental choice, accountability and high-quality educational options for all students in Orange County. Unfortunately, the petition presented on appeal from the Global Business Academy provides insufficient evidence of a viable budget that would support its documented aims and objectives. Specifically, the academy’s proposed budget contains unrealistic financial projections that raise serious doubts about its ability to successfully implement the operational plan described by petitioners.”

“Although I am unable to vote in favor of this charter petition appeal as submitted, I will continue to support good fiscally sound charter schools in Orange County and affirm their value as incubators of innovation.”

For more information on charter schools and the Orange County Board of Education’s process for appeal, visit www.ocde.us/CharterSchools. To contact the board, email ocbe@ocde.us.