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James Scott: Providence's public schools offer best future

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The Dec. 9 editorial, “Courageous stand for poor students,” does a disservice to countless Providence Public Schools teachers who have worked tirelessly for years to open doors for urban students.

The editorial frames the debate as “status quo” (public) versus “innovation” (charter). In reality, the Providence schools are hubs of innovation that continue to evolve under the leadership of Supt. Chris Maher. At Harry Kizirian Elementary School, our teachers have implemented blended learning, small group instruction and a number of other innovative practices to narrow the achievement gap.

Charter schools do not have a monopoly on innovation, and Rhode Island can best grow its economy by supporting our public schools.

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