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Dear Lynn:

For what it's worth, my sources in California say the charter school bills are likely to be less important as legislation than as the 'platform' on which both Eastin and Hart run for Honig's job as state superintendent, *in 1994,*

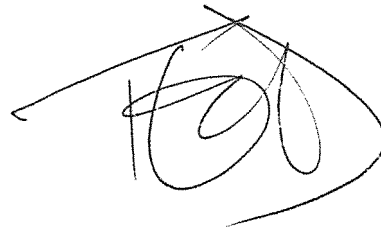
The proposal in Northfield was defeated 5-2 Monday night. As always, everywhere, lots of complicated factors. Basically: hard to win against the superintendent's opposition.

Another, in Minneapolis, was laid over yesterday at the board meeting. This one has the recommendation of the superintendent, Bob Ferrera. It is due for consideration again at the meeting March 17.

I'm told the 'charter' idea got a good bit of discussion last week at the meeting of alternative educators in St. Cloud. That is interesting. Minnesota has a lot of these 'alternative learning centers' as a result of one of the choice laws about 1987: schools for kids "not doing well" in regular school. These often find it difficult within the district structure to be as different as the kids' needs require. One particular ALC with this problem may bring a charter proposal to its board early in March.

Finally, the enclosed may be of interest. More dynamics.

Best . . .



Ted Sizer was here a couple of weeks ago. Did Bob Rothman ever pick up anything about the letter he, Linda Darling-Hammond and others wrote re: the 'national test' idea? Or did anyone else at EW?