

OPEN LETTER OF SUPPORT

BETSY DEVOS FOR U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

January 27, 2017

Betsy DeVos is an undisputed champion of families and students. For nearly 30 years she has devoted time and resources to improving education options for our nation's children. Yet millions still languish in failing schools in an education system more than a century old. It's time for a new vision.

Betsy DeVos provides that vision. She embraces innovation, endorses accountability and—most especially—trusts parents to choose what is in their unique child's best interests. She also believes in providing every parent with the resources and choices to pursue those decisions.

On this week, National School Choice Week, we the undersigned endorse this champion of choice and the education reforms needed to improve the future of every child in America. And we strongly advocate for her confirmation as our next U.S. Secretary of Education.

Sincerely,

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*Signing as an individual. AEI as the organization does not take a stance on such matters.

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Fredrick Hess, Resident Scholar and Director of Education Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute*
American Federation for Children
Americans for Prosperity
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Arizona Charter Schools Association
Black Alliance for Educational Options
Business Council of Alabama
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Center for Arizona Policy
Children's Education Alliance of Missouri (CEAM)
Civitas-North Carolina
EdChoice
Educate Nebraska
Empower Mississippi
Foundation for Excellence in Education
Florida Charter School Alliance
Florida Coalition of School Board Members
Georgia Charter Schools Association
Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP)
Hispanic CREO
Idaho Charter School Network
Independence Institute
Independent Women's Voice
Institute for Better Education
Institute for Quality Education
Jeffersonian Project
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Louisiana Federation for Children
Mackinac Center for Public Policy
Maggie's List
Missouri Education Reform Council (MERC)
National Alliance for Public Charter Schools
Parents for Choice in Education
Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina (PEFNC)
Pennsylvania Coalition for Public Charter Schools
Public School Options
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