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CENTER FOR EDUCATION REFORM INVITES COLLEAGUES TO JOIN AMICUS BRIEF FOR MILWAUKEE CHOICE PROGRAM

The Center for Education Reform (CER) today officially announced they will file an Amicus Brief with the Dane County Circuit Court in Madison, Wisconsin in support of the Milwaukee school choice program.

This move comes in response to the recent ruling announced by Judge Paul Higginbotham which struck down expanding the Milwaukee choice program as it applied to nonsectarian schools. "The ruling by Judge Paul Higginbotham finding the Milwaukee choice program to be unconstitutional has not changed our minds," said Jeanne Allen, president of CER, "we still believe children in Milwaukee are not receiving the education they deserve, and their parents should have a right to send them to the school of their choice."

CER has sponsored two *Amici Curiae* briefs in the past for the school choice program in Cleveland, Ohio. The Cleveland choice program currently provides vouchers to 1500(?) low income children to assist their families in sending them to the private or parochial school of their choice. Since in existence, the program has been disputed by the local teachers' union and the ACLU. After CER submitted its second amicus brief to the Ohio Court of Appeals (?) the program was ruled constitutional by Judge Lisa Sadler. We anticipate a similar triumph in Milwaukee, if indeed that means taking it to the Supreme Court.

We request any group or individual that would like to be a part of this effort, to fax your response accompanied with a mission statement as soon as possible to 202-822-5077. Groups that participated in our Ohio Amicus Briefs need only call your response to 202-822-9000.

"I hope many groups will join us in communicating our belief that children are not receiving the education they deserve and need now and into the 21st century. This belief is not only true of children in Milwaukee, but children nationwide.

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