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### **CER RELEASES NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL DIRECTORY 2001-2002** *Nearly 2,500 schools open in just 10 years*

**(Washington, D.C. 1/7/02)** Jeanne Allen, president of the Center for Education Reform (CER), the nation's leading charter school resource, today announced the release of the seventh edition of the *National Charter School Directory*. The *Directory* features new and updated information on the growth and development of charter schools in the decade since the passage of the first charter school law in 1991.

The *Directory* profiles 2,431 schools in 34 states and Washington, D.C., which serve nearly 580,000 children. Included are 374 new charter schools that opened their doors in September 2001, and 77 charter schools that are approved to open in the fall. Others have been approved since the publication went to press, including Indiana's first since the April passage of its charter law.

"The *National Charter Schools Directory* provides a comprehensive guide on the shape and substance of charter schools," noted CER president Jeanne Allen. "We know that the average charter school continues to be almost half the size of traditional public schools, that more than half serve elementary grades, and, that they educate a disproportionate number of students who have been under-served by the district-based school system."

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This year finds more than 1.6 million people involved in charter schools – a number that includes students, parents, teachers, administrators and charter school board members.

For the past 6 years, CER has published the nation's only comprehensive directory of charter schools. Each entry contains important school data including, enrollment figures, grades served, and a description of each school's program. For the first time, the *Directory* also includes web addresses that were available. State and national charter school statistics, and CER's state by state ranking of charter school laws are also featured.

Copies of CER's *National Charter School Directory 2001-2002* can be obtained exclusively by contacting CER. To order a copy by phone, call 202/822-9000 or order on-line at <http://www.edreform.com>. The price for the *Directory* is \$39.95 plus \$6 for shipping/handling.

**Also available from CER:**

*Charter School Laws Across the States 2001; Ranking Score Card and Legislative Profiles* a study and evaluation of the nation's 38 charter school laws for \$29.95 (plus shipping).

**COMING SOON:** *"Beyond Brick and Mortar: Cyber Charters Revolutionizing Education."* The innovation of charter schools meets the Internet – the emergence of and opposition to cyber charter schools.

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