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## **JEANNE ALLEN TO TESTIFY BEFORE US SENATE PUBLIC SCHOOL REFORMS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

### **CHARTER SCHOOLS NEED ROOM TO GROW AND SUCCEED IN DC**

Jeanne Allen — president of The Center for Education Reform - will testify before the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia on Monday, September 8, 1997, 9:30 AM in Room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

**Progress Report on Reforms in the District of Columbia** is one in a series of hearings on the status of the public schools in the District of Columbia. Jeanne will concentrate her testimony on the need to eliminate the bureaucratic strangle-hold to allow charter schools to open and succeed in educating our youth here in DC.

Unlike others who testify before Congress, Jeanne will waste no time in assessing the present state of DC's public schools, and the need for true reform. She says, "The quest for charter schools in the District of Columbia remains slow and encumbered by bureaucratic foot-dragging. The lack of a clear vision by officials in charge of what charters can do for DC school children has deterred all but the most tenacious individuals."

This is the second time in six months that Jeanne has been asked to serve as a witness and offer her expert advice and analysis on the state of reforms for the District of Columbia.

For more information, or a copy of Jeanne's testimony, please call 202-822-9000.