



*Making Schools Work Better for all Children*

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The results are coming in, and parents across America are celebrating school choice.

According to a study released by Harvard and the University of Texas, parents receiving tax-funded tuition scholarships to send their children to private schools are more satisfied with the education their children receive. They also report fewer classroom disruptions than parents with children in the public school system. In addition, half of the voucher parents reported being "very satisfied" with classroom discipline. Nearly twice as many voucher parents were "very satisfied" with moral values being taught to their children as compared to public school parents.

In Michigan, students at charter schools have surpassed statewide averages on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program in science and writing. For example, the average charter school eighth-grader scored seven points higher than his public school peers.

And Colorado charter school students did ten points better in reading and a staggering 22 points higher in writing than their counterparts in traditional public schools.

Examples of excellence from school choice abound, and it's clearer every day that parents will no longer accept the status quo.

Aside from the fireworks on the mall in Washington DC, NEA leader, Bob Chase will most likely have something explosive to say as he addresses his followers at their yearly convention this weekend. CER will have an assessment of what he **really** means when he speaks.

And don't forget, the Center is sponsoring a leaders forum, *Lessons from the Front: Triumphs in Education Reform From the Rainbow*, July 15 in Washington, DC. Attendees will hear from six dynamic reform leaders from across America who are working on the front lines to bring choice to those children traditional public schools are leaving behind. Our special luncheon keynote speaker is Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan, co-author with Gov. Jeb Bush of the recently passed A+ school choice program in Florida.

To register to attend the forum or for information on other reform issues, contact the Center at 800-521-2118. Have a safe and fun Fourth of July weekend.



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