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SCHOOL CHOICE EXPOSED *Common Myths Dispelled*

(Washington, DC 9/27/00) Ten years ago, opponents of school choice predicted rampant segregation and the demise of democracy to scare parents and voters alike in keeping the education monopoly in America.

Time has proven those predictions wrong, but school choice opponents continue throwing up a series of new scare tactics to defeat the rising tide of parental demands for school choice – often in the context of the November election.

The Center for Education Reform has released an updated version of *Nine Lies About School Choice: Answering the Critics* refuting the rhetoric of choice opponents with facts about the reality of improving educational opportunity for all children.

Today more than 74,000 children benefit from school choice (public and private programs) nationwide, and information on the success of these programs is in abundance. "It is clear from the evidence that school choice is equitable, is wanted and it works," said CER President Jeanne Allen. "The case against school choice is unraveling as critics must face the reality and the truth: Choice affords Americans the best chance of getting back to the ideal of the common school, by leveling the playing field and ensuring that families of all colors, socio-economic levels and backgrounds can choose from among the widest range of schools possible. The alternative is to be shunted off to a failing school because of where they live or what they can afford."

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