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## **THE FINAL TEN**

### *CHARTER SCHOOL MOVEMENT PRIMES FOR EDUCATION SUPER BOWL*

**Washington, D.C., February 1, 2007** – Like the teams facing off in this Sunday’s Super Bowl, advocates of education reform have struggled to overcome their opponents and other setbacks to reach their goal: winning passage of charter school laws in the Final Ten States without them. The Center for Education Reform (CER) offers the “Final Ten” compelling information about how to get into the game.

*The Final Ten: How the States Without Charter Schools Can Make It to the Goal Line*, documents the achievement data on schools in Alabama, Kentucky, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia – the Last Ten States – their legislative histories and winning strategies to offer quality education opportunities for children in their states.

“Some of the states may be just a quarterback sneak away from victory,” said CER President Jeanne Allen, “others may require a bit more razzle-dazzle. This publication provides a scouting report for each state, a program for the state lawmakers to review as they cast their lots on the future of children’s education.”

Charter schools are innovative, public schools designed by educators, parents, or civic leaders that are open by choice, accountable for results, and free from most rules and regulations governing conventional public schools. Today, nearly 4,000 schools serve more than 1 million students.

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