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National Coalition for Public School Options Supports Governor Branstad's Education Reform Agenda

Plan Offers Iowa Families Greater Choice in Education

Des Moines, IA - Today the Iowa Chapter of the National Coalition for Public School Options (NCPSO) announced its support for Governor Terry Branstad's blueprint for transforming Iowa's education system.

Including such initiatives as greater access to charter schools, online education, and innovative learning models, the Branstad-Reynolds administration's plan gives parents greater choice in education for their children.

"Just as each child is different, so is each child's learning needs. While Iowa has long prided itself on its public education, it is time to raise the bar. Giving parents public school options will help ensure each Iowa child is getting the best education available to them," said Briana LeClaire, NCPSO President.

In statehouses around the country Governors are working to improve education through high-quality innovative programs that have proven successful. Allowing Iowa families access to these options is a step in the right direction to once again make Iowa a leader in public education.

Branstad-Reynolds Education Reform Highlights:

- Nurture innovation with funding for transformative ideas, greater statutory waiver authority for the Iowa Department of Education and pathways to allow for high-quality charter schools in Iowa.
- Create a state clearinghouse of high-quality online courses available to any student in Iowa, and back the courses with licensed teachers and the best online learning technology available.
- A statewide parent and community engagement network.

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About The National Coalition for Public School Options

The National Coalition for Public School Options (NCPSO) is an alliance of parents that supports and defends parents' rights to access the best public school options for their children. The Coalition supports the creation of public school options, including charter schools, online schools, magnet schools, open enrollment policies and other innovative education programs. Additionally, NCPSO advocates for free and equal access without restrictions to these public schools for all children. For additional information, go to www.PublicSchoolOptions.org/Iowa.