

Wisconsin Coalition of School Choice Advocates: Congratulates Betsy DeVos on Senate confirmation to be Secretary of Education

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School Choice Wisconsin, Hispanics for School Choice, Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, and Wisconsin Federation for Children express optimism that national education policy will center on educational opportunities for America's families

February 7, 2017 - Milwaukee, WI - A coalition of school choice advocates today congratulated Betsy DeVos on her U.S. Senate confirmation vote to be Secretary of Education. DeVos was confirmed on a 51-50 vote, with Vice President Mike Pence casting the deciding vote.

The group of advocates - School Choice Wisconsin, Hispanics for School Choice, Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, and Wisconsin Federation for Children - is hopeful that with today's vote, Mrs. DeVos can now turn her attention to the pressing needs of America's education system and give all of our children an opportunity for success and a better future.

"Betsy DeVos brings decades of experience of empowering parents into an administration that made a policy commitment to student-centered education. Transferring power from the federal government back to the states requires a leader who welcomes change.

“Mrs. DeVos has been intimately involved in education reform efforts here in Wisconsin. Her record shows an unequivocal commitment to all children regardless of zip code or school type. Her continued focus will be on supporting those innovative leaders who excel.

“As leaders in Wisconsin education, we are excited about her commitment to sending more power and flexibility back to the states so that we can have a greater say in education policy.

“The Senators that voted to confirm Mrs. DeVos - including Wisconsin’s Senator Ron Johnson - should be commended for standing on behalf of parents and students as well-funded forces protecting the status quo reacted with predictable hyperbole.”