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Parental Choice Programs Continue to Grow

More schools, more students and more communities now part of programs

Final numbers were released by the Department of Public Instruction regarding the fall enrollment for all four Parental Choice Programs in Wisconsin. Each program increased enrollment and the number of participating schools. The table below lists the specific numbers over the last two years.

“Parental demand continues to drive the expansion of school choice in Wisconsin,” Jim Bender, President of School Choice Wisconsin said. “After two years of a 1% district enrollment cap on the statewide program, the increase to 2% this fall has given the program room to grow.”

Milwaukee Parental Choice Program	
2016-17 121 schools 27,975 students	2017-18 126 schools (5 increase) 28,702 students (727 increase)
Racine Parental Choice Program	
2016-17 19 schools 2,532 students	2017-18 23 schools (4 increase) 3,007 students (475 new)
Wisconsin Parental Choice Program	
2016-17 121 schools 3,059 students	2017-18 154 schools (33 increase) 4,540 students (1,481 increase)
Special Needs Scholarship Program	
2016-17 26 schools 205 students	2017-18 28 schools (2 increase) 246 students (41 increase)