

QuickPoint! - Annual Celebration Highlights Importance of Effective Educational Opportunities for All

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January 26-February 1 will be the 15th annual [National School Choice Week](#), the world's largest celebration of parental choice and effective education options for all children.

National School Choice Week (NSCW) “informs, inspires, and empowers parents to discover the K-12 education options available for their children.” Week organizers say the event will partner with 209 schools and organizations in [Oregon](#) to raise awareness of the K-12 education options available to students here, including traditional public, charter, magnet, online, private, and home schools.

School choice means [empowering parents](#) to choose the educational environments that will best help their children succeed. Thirty-three states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico have expanded students' academic opportunities through 75 school choice programs. [More than 22 million students](#) are eligible to participate in a school choice program—about 40% of all students nationwide. When parents have choices, students have more opportunities for their individual learning needs and goals to be met.

[Oregon should put parents “in the driver’s seat”](#) of their children’s education through school choice, so all students can have access to an effective, meaningful, and empowering education.

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