## IMPORTANT AND INFORMATIVE CHARTER SCHOOL EVENT

## **PLEASE JOIN US!**

Date: Wednesday, February 29 Time: 6:30 PM Place: C. Burr Artz Library

> 110 East Patrick Street Frederick, MD, 21701 (301) 600-1630

## Speaker: Jeanne Allen

Jeanne is one of the top experts in charter schools and charter school legislation in the nation! A Maryland resident and President of the Center For Education Reform, she is going to discuss the current law and its impact on charter schools in the state.

In August 2002, Frederick County opened the first charter school in the state of Maryland. Statewide legislation was then enacted in May 2003. To read more about Maryland's charter school history, see <a href="http://mdcharternetwork.org/csi\_legislation.html">http://mdcharternetwork.org/csi\_legislation.html</a>.

Since that time, our legislation here in MD has been reviewed by two independent organizations and has come up short. The legislation is considered very weak. "Weak" in charter school terms means that it does not foster the development of innovative schools of choice within the public system. Jeanne Allen will explain the attributes of charter school legislation that yield strong charter schools. There is a direct link between the strength of a state's charter school law and the quality and quantity of school choices available to parents.

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## We hope to see you there!