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Jeanne Allen is one of the nation's leading experts on education reform. She is the Founder and President of The Center for Education Reform (CER), a national advocacy organization based in Washington, DC that is the leading voice for structural and sustainable changes to dramatically improve educational opportunities for all children. For nearly 20 years, CER's insights and data have supported parents, policymakers and educators across the country in advocating for positive reforms.

Jeanne herself has earned national recognition as a fierce advocate. She appears frequently in the media – as a contributor to *Politico's* Arena and *The National Journal's* Education blogs, and interviewed on National Public Radio, Fox News, CNN and MSNBC. She is also frequently quoted in the pages of major print publications including *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*.

Jeanne is active in promoting the use of innovative technology to close learning gaps. She has worked with leaders at Arizona State University and University of Pennsylvania graduate schools of education, serves on the executive team of the Digital Learning Council, is a pioneer member of Capital E (a DC regional education & technology organization), and is a judge for the Discus Award.

Jeanne advised four Presidential Administrations and participated in the transition committee of two Governors, and lectured on charter schools and American education reforms before the UK's The Hundred Group. Jeanne is a Trustee to former Secretary of State Colin Powell's America's Promise Alliance, and advisor to the Best Friends Foundation, among other child-related causes. Jeanne is the recipient of the Education Industry Association's 'Friend of the Education Industry' award and was named one of *Working Mother's* top ten 'Most Powerful Mom's in Education'.

Jeanne started her professional career on Capitol Hill and served in the Reagan Administration at the US Department of Education. The mother of four, she is active in her community as well as with her alma mater, Dickinson College.