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Catch the Wave
LIVE webcast focusing on Charter Schools
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April 9, 1999: CER's President Jeanne Allen will participate in a LIVE webcast of the "The Merrow Report," National Public Radio's series on youth and education. *Charter Schools: Hope or Hype?* will be broadcast live on April 14, 1999 at 4:00 pm EST on the Merrow Report's website (www.pbs.org/merrow). The show will be repeated in September on NPR stations around the country.

In addition to the roundtable discussion by the guests on the history and benefits of charter schools and their dramatic growth around the nation, the hour-long discussion will also allow for audience participation.

The "Merrow Report," will be broadcast weekly on National Public Radio beginning in September 1999. John Merrow, the series host, is a former teacher and education correspondent for the "MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour."

You can listen to the LIVE discussion on your computer using RealPlayer software. The software is free and can be downloaded from the "Merrow Report's" website (www.pbs.org/merrow). Participate in the discussion by calling (887) 844-8557. Or e-mail your questions in advance to: merrow@pbs.org.

In addition to Jeanne Allen, other panelists will be: Joe Nathan, author of "Charter Schools: Creating Hope and Opportunity for American Education"; and Director, Center for School Change at the Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota; Bruce Fuller, Associate Professor of Public Policy and Education at U.C. Berkeley, author of forthcoming book "Charter Schools and the Paradox of Radical Decentralization," Irasema Salcido founder, and principal of the Cesar Chavez Public Charter High School for Public Policy of Washington, D.C. and Lynn Schnaiberg, Staff Writer for *Education Week*.

Your participation is welcomed and requested. Plan to catch the wave and surf in, click on and call in!

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