



Education Reform Will Continue in New Political Climate

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While last week's elections changed the political landscape in Congress, early analysis from the Center for Education Reform (CER) reveals that broad support for important education reforms will continue.

"The issue of education reform is one that crosses party lines and will remain as strong as ever," said CER President Jeanne Allen. "We look forward to working with Democrats, Independents, and Republicans, especially at the state level, to bring the promise of school choice to every parent and child in America."

For example, Florida voters elected Republican Charlie Crist as the heir-apparent to Gov. Jeb Bush to continue the Sunshine State's forward-looking accountability and school choice reforms. The re-election of Tom Carper (D-DE) and Joe Lieberman (I-CT) to the U.S. Senate is also a victory for reform, while Democrat Eliot Spitzer's win, as governor-elect of New York, will bring additional bi-partisan support to continuing reform in the Empire State.

Many incumbents vital to education reform retained their seats, and several newly elected Members of Congress and state office holders do not appear to be adverse to accountability and charter schools. [CER's Election Center](#) offers a breakdown of key races in Colorado, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and other states.

In addition to bolstering reform in states across the nation, CER plans to focus attention on The Last 10 States without charter laws - Alabama, Kentucky, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia - and will issue an education fact sheet report on the condition in those states next month.

"CER intends to spotlight the states that are falling short in offering the full range of education options, and to mobilize parents who will push for action as legislative sessions get under way early next year," said Allen.

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