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NEED TO WEIGH YOUR OPTIONS? CER'S CANDIDATE EDUCATION METER CAN HELP ELECTION YEAR SURVEY CAN IDENTIFY EDUCATION REFORMERS

(Washington, DC 10/11/00) The Center for Education Reform today released its "Candidate Education Meter" designed to help grassroots education reform groups measure the commitment of their local candidates for public office.

"Parents and communities face some hard decisions come November. CER hopes that the *Candidate Meter* can help people wade through election rhetoric and clear the way to understanding what sort of education proponent their candidate will be," said CER President Jeanne Allen. "After all these candidates will be deciding the education direction of our communities for the next several years – these are the questions that should not only be asked but answered."

The 14-question survey asks questions about education reform and is specifically designed to help citizens find out if candidates really mean what they say and say what they mean. The answers to these questions can assist in evaluating what paths to reform your elected official will take. Armed with that information, parents, community activists and all those interested in school reform can take that information into the voting booth.

Copies of the *Candidate Education Meter: Measuring the Reform Depths of Those Running for Office* is available by calling the Center at (800) 521-2118 or by visiting our website at <http://www.edreform.com/press/candidates.htm>.

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