

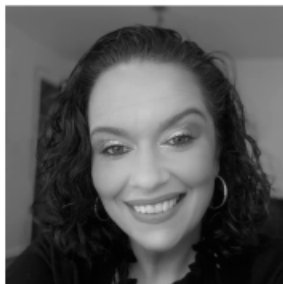
# FUTURE OF SCHOOL WEBINAR

## Including Your Voice in the Future of School Choice

Wed 1/27 @ 4 PM ET | register now



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# MODERN HISTORY OF SCHOOL CHOICE

*Our increasingly global economy highlighted the need for higher-level skills, while drawing attention to longstanding inequities in education.*

## **Parents and teachers worked together to create new options (1983-ongoing)**

- Private school choice (starting in Wisconsin)
- Public charter schools (starting in Minnesota)
- Online public schools (starting in Florida)

## **Existing education options expanded (2000-ongoing)**

- Expansion of open enrollment
- New themes and focus for magnet schools
- Improvement of homeschooling laws

# INFORMING PARENTS ABOUT SCHOOL CHOICE

- Know and exercise options for your family
- Share experiences with other parents
- Be an ambassador for your child's school (if you are happy!)
- Speak up and be present at meetings, hearings, and other events
- Form coalitions of other moms and dads

# School CHOICE with a Purpose

- Not just because you can/because you have a purpose
- Occasionally New Start/New Place is a good reason
- Most Times Choosing a different school works if it is based on:
  - Teacher Effectiveness/Student Relationships School
  - Culture/Climate/Safety
  - Expanding Course Options that can't be provided in your current school
  - Acquiring Resources/Accommodations/Opportunities that can't be provided in your current school

# Creating CHOICE in a rural, public school

- Create Partnerships w/Other Schools/BOCES/Online/Community Colleges
- Expand Course Offerings through online and blended instruction
- Create career pathways that allow students to:
  - Take courses connected to their post secondary career aspiration
  - Earn career and industry certifications
  - Earn College Credits /Associates Degree
  - Acquire Mentorships/Internships
- Expand CT Student Organizations & Extra-Curricular Clubs & Activities
  - FBLA; Ag/FFA, HOSA, TSA, Skills USA
  - Robotics/Virtual Reality/3D Printing
  - Esports
  - Programming/Coding

# PARENT CHOICE

What does this mean? Why it important?