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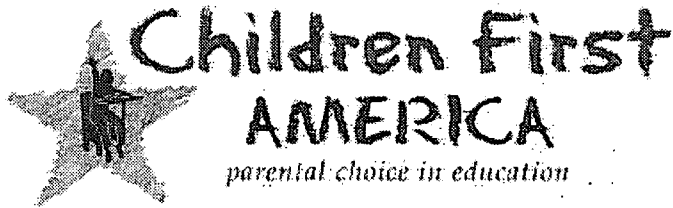
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ABSTRACT

This report looks at the accomplishments of Children First America, a national advocacy and support group for school choice. Beginning with a single program in Indianapolis, Indiana, in the early 1990s, private voucher programs (PVPs) had grown until, in the 1999-2000 school year, 108 such programs aided students. PVPs, which served 746 students in 1991-1992, now serve more than 100,000 students. More than 97% of these students are economically disadvantaged, and the vast majority are minorities living in the inner city. The amount of assistance provided to families varies widely, but the average amount increased to \$1,150 per year in 1999 from \$898 in 1997-1998. Academic studies consistently have shown improved test scores and parental satisfaction with choice schools when compared to control groups of students in public schools. PVP families in Arizona, Florida, and Pennsylvania are now aided by state tax credits, enhancing the ability of PVPs to reach and help students. The largest private voucher program, Horizon (San Antonio, Texas), had a demonstrable impact on the public school district from which it drew students. One appendix lists private voucher contact information, and the other lists Arizona Student Tuition Organizations. (Contains 15 figures and 5 tables.) (SLD)



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- MOMENTUM:** From a single program launched in Indianapolis in the early 1990s, 108 Private Voucher Programs (PVPs) aided students during the 1999-2000 school year.
- STUDENTS:** From 746 students in 1991-1992, PVPs now serve over 100,000 students.
- FAMILIES:** More than 97 percent of students served by PVPs are economically disadvantaged. The vast majority of students are minorities living in inner cities.
- AWARDS:** The amount of assistance provided to families varies widely, but the average amount of assistance increased to \$1150 per year in 1999 from \$898 in 1997-8.
- EDUCATION:** Academic studies consistently show improved test scores and parental satisfaction with choice schools when compared to control groups of students in public schools.
- INNOVATION:** PVP families in Arizona, Florida and Pennsylvania are now aided by state tax-credits, enhancing the ability of PVPs to reach and help students.
- IMPACT:** The largest private voucher program, Horizon, demonstrably impacted the public school district from which it drew students in a very positive fashion.

Introduction

CHILDREN FIRST AMERICA'S ROLE IN ADVANCING THE SCHOOL CHOICE MOVEMENT

Many committed organizations and advocacy groups shape and move the efforts to bring school choice to America's educationally disenfranchised parents seeking school choice options for their children. We gratefully acknowledge and recognize the contributions of all groups to the privately-funded voucher movement.

But as we begin this 5th edition of Just Doing It, Children First America takes a moment to recap some of its own history and impact. For almost a decade we have been there, among the pioneers of this movement, doing everything possible to win educational freedom for thousands of America's low-income families.

To say that our effort has been fulfilling would fall into the category of understatement. We have shared the privilege of touching and changing the lives of good people with profoundly important needs. And in just doing it we have made a difference. We will not consider our work done until every American family has a choice of schools, and we achieve the worthy goal of no "child left behind" educationally.

"No child left behind", of course, has become the mantra of education reformers, as well as policy and political leaders on both sides of the ideological spectrum. Both presidential candidates invoked the theme during the recent campaign, sending a clear message to America's education establishment: **every child can and will learn and opportunities for them to do so should be equal and of the highest quality.**

Yet each year, in thousands of America's public schools across our land, a disturbing scene plays out; one that does indeed leave many of our children behind in classrooms where learning is limited, academic quality is poor, and—in some cases—schools are unsafe. Ironically, it is the same education system that so inadequately serves many of our children that also literally forces them into these conditions without any other options or other choices.

How does this happen? It occurs under the inflexible policies of a public system that assigns children to schools, whether those schools perform academically or not, and whether they are safe or not. The result is one of the great social injustices of our time. Low-income children are forced, by their own education system, into poorly performing or unsafe schools; while their better-off classmates leave for higher quality schools because their families have the means to pay for it.

Children First America helps these children and families. We reach into our pockets and act on principle, driven by our own commitment to an American ideal that says no child shall ever be left behind. If enough of us act, we can surely help thousands more of

deserving children. And with vision, innovation, and perseverance, we might also—in time—change the face of American education.

THREE KEY OBJECTIVES

Children First America strives to fulfill its mission by concentrating on three strategic objectives:

1. We encourage, guide, and advise interested individuals and groups across our nation (and beyond) in establishing—with their own charitable dollars—privately-funded school choice programs that offer low-income (often minority) children the funds needed to leave failing or unsafe schools and seek better educational opportunities. When our funding permits, we offer matching grants, as incentives, to potential founders to partner with us in forming these special programs in key cities, regions, and states.
2. We reach out to assist and educate parents who want to be active in working for school choice and for improved academic quality in America's schools.
3. We provide public policy information, data, statistics and research on school choice issues to government leaders and their staffs at the local, state, and federal levels. These services are provided freely and in a non-partisan spirit.

Accomplishments:

1. LAUNCHED A NATIONAL SCHOOL REFORM MOVEMENT

The privately-funded voucher movement, as with all good ideas, began with the vision of a few good people. These thoughtful citizens realized many of America's schools were not generating academic results as well as they should, and that children who were denied a way out were victims of "unequal" opportunity.

Among them were **CFA Chairman Peter Flanigan**, who in 1986 founded the Student/Sponsor Partnership, a mentoring and scholarship program offering children options to attend parochial schools, and **Pat Rooney** of Indianapolis who, in 1991, formed the first privately-funded voucher program, the Educational CHOICE Charitable Trust.

From these early programs the nucleus of a movement began to take shape. Its purpose was rooted in two fundamental goals:

—Help children in under-performing or unsafe schools obtain access to a better educational opportunity.

—Demonstrate to government (the public sector), through private sector initiatives, what can and should be done—as a matter of public policy,

equity, and social justice—for millions of children literally trapped in failing schools.

With the privately supported choice model well established by pioneers such as Rooney and Flanigan, the stage was set for expansion. **James R. Leininger**, a physician and business leader from San Antonio, saw the opportunity immediately and took action in his state. Exhibiting uncommon vision, Dr. Leininger, along with Children First President and CEO **Fritz Steiger**, formed the Children's Educational Opportunity (CEO) Foundation in 1992 and within two years they had established six programs in Texas based on Rooney's model.

In time, the CEO program went national. With a vehicle (CEO America Foundation) in place to promote and fund private programs nationally, other generous donors began to come to the table and establish their own programs across the nation (more than 40 by 1996). Thus was born a movement designed to win educational freedom for all Americans—the fundamental, natural, and moral right of every parent to choose their children's schools.

2. EXPANDED CHARITABLY-FUNDED CHOICE MODELS

Today, there are more than **100 privately-funded voucher programs** nationwide, most of which grew out of **Children First America** initiatives. Collectively, they represent almost \$500 million invested by caring, reform-minded men and women in the fate and futures of some 100,000 children and their parents who were fortunate enough to secure assistance from one or more programs.

That investment, however, cannot begin to help the expanding numbers of families wanting choice, but unable to obtain it. Currently, **1.2 million children and their families have inquired about aid from privately funded voucher programs hoping to receive assistance.** Still more are waiting to enter America's several publicly funded programs in Milwaukee, Cleveland, and Florida. The waiting lists continue to expand.

A decade of public and private choice programs has shown us that where the people see firsthand the value and benefits of choice demand increases and wait lists expand. CFA sponsored programs, and those of other concerned groups, cannot begin to meet this growing demand unless more individuals and groups join with us in forming new private programs.

3. SHIFTED THE DEBATE TO CHILDREN AND FAIRNESS

When Nobel Prize winning economist **Milton Friedman** first proposed the idea of school choice vouchers more than 40 years ago, the issue seemed destined to languish in the heady world of policy analysts and conservative reformers. In fact, for most of those 40 years that was the case—especially as teacher unions and public school officials banded together to kill the idea and demonize its advocates. But in the early 1990's something extraordinary happened that would clearly transform school choice the policy proposal into school choice the national movement.

Until that time, the choice debate had been framed by abstract—and at times difficult to understand—notions such as market forces, competitive environments, balanced tri-lateral systems, and restructuring. It made for good debate, and certainly the underlying themes had merit. But it hardly struck an emotional chord with the public; and it could not begin to match the dramatic appeal of opponents on the other side of the issue who cast themselves as defenders, at all costs, of public education.

The emergence of privately funded voucher programs in the early 1990s changed things considerably. Early pioneers of these programs look back today and confess they probably acted more out of frustration with the system than wanting to change the thrust of the debate. Helping children better their educations, and stepping in to do in the private sector that which the public sector would not do, was what they had in mind. Call it school choice by example (putting one's money where one's mouth is!).

But by establishing working school choice models with their own dollars, they did something much more crucial to advancing the cause. **They put a human face on the issue.** More often than not, that face was the face of educationally disenfranchised minorities trapped in failing schools across the urban and rural landscapes of America.

The plight of real people with desperate needs not only served to bring more emotional appeal into the debate; it awakened lower-income Americans and minority groups (many of them victims of social injustice and veterans of the civil rights movement) to the harsh realities in their children's schools.

The school choice movement found itself with new allies, those who knew first hand about fighting for justice, rights and freedoms. They would become a powerful voice for choice. And thus the debate took on a new tone that would help it transcend socio-economic, partisan, and ethnic lines.

The private voucher movement shifted the terms of the debate by offering up living breathing examples. It made the issue mainstream. Today, choice is more about children and fairness than ever. It is about doing the right thing. That, more than anything has helped it win support from political and community leaders on the left as well as the right.

4. HELPED WIN THE NATION'S FIRST STATEWIDE PUBLICLY-FUNDED VOUCHER PROGRAM

In 1998, **Governor Jeb Bush** of Florida bet his political career on providing school choice opportunities to Florida's children trapped in failing public schools. He won. It was a benchmark legislative victory, and a turning point in America's historic quest to win school choice for all children and their parents.

The Florida fight was bitter and hotly contested, but when the dust had settled the Florida A+ program was firmly in place. The program provided, by means of a state-funded

voucher, the opportunity for Florida's children trapped in failing government schools to leave them for better public, private, or religious schools. It has become a model for similar programs in other states and at the federal level, and research has shown that the program has forced improvement in failing government schools.

Children First America saw the potential for victory early in the Florida battle and weighed in with timely assistance. In an informal sense, we became advisors to the Bush team. As such, we provided insight into the choice issue based on our own observations having worked with parents, children, business, and political leadership who had benefited from participation in more than 40 (at that time) privately-funded programs across the nation.

The lessons we had learned from these programs helped spawn **Floridians for School Choice**, an advocacy group comprising parents, business people, church leaders, and many other Floridians who saw the value of providing children in failing schools a way out. Their united voices helped make the case in Florida and contributed to the first statewide voucher program in the history of the U.S.

We do not consider gains and victories on the school choice front ours alone. They are the spoils of a collective effort comprising many good people and organizations. Some of them are mentioned in this report, which chronicles some of our latest progress as a movement. Where once there were two or three privately-funded voucher programs, now there are more than 100. Their continued impact is extraordinary.

FIGURE 1: PRIVATELY FUNDED VOUCHER PROGRAMS BY STATE-2001



NEW PROGRAMS- 2000

Educate New Mexico	400 Children
Alliance for Choice in Education (Denver)	550 Children
Children First Virginia	162 Children
Children First Columbus	100 Children
Maine Children's Scholarship Fund (Bangor)	28 Children
Northwest Indiana Scholarship Fund (Gary)	100 Children
Parents of Lima Advancing Choice in Education (Ohio)	93 Children
The School Choice Program (Erie, PA)	10 Children
Coalition for Children (Monmouth County PA)	23 Children
Children First of Whatcom County (Washington)	23 Children

TABLE 1: JUST DOING IT 5 SURVEYED PRIVATE VOUCHER PROGRAMS

1998Edgewood Horizon
1992CEO San Antonio
1998Vermont SOS
1993Washington DC Scholarship Fund
1998CSF Alabama
1993AZ School Choice Trust
1998Miami Inner City Angels
1993CEO Austin
1997Children First Tennessee Chattanooga
1999CEO Lehigh Valley PA
1999CSF Charlotte
1995Bison Fund Buffalo NY
1999CSF New Hampshire
1999St. Louis School Choice Scholarship Fdn.
1991Choice Charitable Trust
1995CEO Connecticut
1997The Basic Fund-San Fransico
1999Independent Scholarship Fund Oakland CA
1998CSF-Los Angeles
1999AZ Scholarship Fund
1993CSF Arkansas
1999CSF-Philadelphia
1997PACE Foundation-South Carolina
1999CSF Boston
1994STARR-Fort Worth
1999Carolina Educational Opportunity Fund-Raliëgh
1999CSF Seattle-Tacoma
1995CSF Baltimore
1998Memphis Opportunity Scholarship Trust
1998PACE Ohio
1997Gateway -Missouri
1991Education Freedom Fund of Michigan
1999CSF Portland
1998CSF Tampa Bay
1998School Choice Kentucky
1995Children First Central Florida
1998Kids First Scholarship Fund- Minneapolis
1999Carolina Education Fund-Winston Salem
1999CSF Washington
1999CSF Kansas City
1997Lincoln Park Education Foundation-NJ
1998The Guardsman Fund
1998CSF Toledo
1997CSF of Cincinnati
1994CEO Houston
1992Milwaukee PAVE

SCHOOL CHOICE AND THE NEW PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy serves as a defining mark of each era. The captains of industry from the Industrial Revolution, for instance, left behind huge endowments for the arts, greatly expanded colleges and universities, and created foundations to pursue the furtherance on almost every human endeavor. By the mid 1990s, commentators had begun to publicly wonder what the philanthropy of our generation would consist of, what unique contribution those living today could add to rich legacy of the past. Some openly challenged today's philanthropists to be creative with their generosity, to demand results with their gifts, and to do things not done before. Having new buildings at colleges named for you, the thinking went, had been done. The time had come for a new generation of philanthropists to improve upon the past with innovation and creativity.

Ironically, one of the most innovative movements in the history of philanthropy was growing and gaining ground even as these calls for innovation went out. Privately funded school choice programs, started in 1991 in Indianapolis with 746 students were growing rapidly across the nation. The creators of such programs, who included experienced people from all sectors of the modern economy, understood one basic fact: that competition is key to the provision of quality products and services: including education. These leaders understand that the worst schools in America tend to be clustered in low-income urban areas where the parents had no option to buy a house in the suburbs or to pay private school tuition. They understood that it was no coincidence that urban schools performed so poorly- it was the simple economics of government monopolies having a powerless and captive audience. They understood that this more than anything else explains the terrible inequalities in our society- an inequality of opportunity fostered by government policy.

Private voucher program creators understood all of this, and moreover, they took action. Donating their energies and their fortunes, these men and women began a new civil rights struggle aimed at giving parents the right to choose the best school for their children regardless of their income. Giving to universities was a great and worthy hallmark of the old philanthropy. By the 1990s, however, it was clear that our problems today lie more with our elementary and secondary schools than anywhere else. The programs serve economically disadvantaged students almost exclusively, and minority students in disproportionately. From a single city program in 1991, 37 additional programs had been added by 1998, each program attempting to raise as much money as possible to help low-income parents enjoy the same power to choose schools taken for granted by the more fortunate. These programs began to attract public attention, if not that of those commenting upon the state of philanthropy. By 1999, however, the private school choice movement became impossible to ignore.

In recognition of their leadership in innovative philanthropy, Children First America Board Member John Walton received the William E. Simon Prize in Philanthropic Leadership, and Children First America Board Chairman Peter Flanigan received the inaugural William E. Simon Prize in Social Entrepreneurship. The awards were presented at the University Club in New York City in March of 2001. The Philanthropic Leadership

Prize awarded to John Walton is given to prominent philanthropists whose giving has not only achieved positive results, but who have also "helped people to help themselves." The Social Entrepreneurship award goes to outstanding innovators; entrepreneurs or volunteers who have demonstrated the important role one person can have in improving the lives of others, paying special attention to those who have promoted personal responsibility, religious faith, and the value of hard work. Both awards are great honors to John Walton and Peter Flanigan as individuals, and tributes to the as well as the broader private voucher movement.

FAR GREATER DEMAND FOR CHOICE THAN SUPPLY OF VOUCHERS

In the fall of 1997, Ted Forstmann and Children First America board member John Walton teamed to offer 1,000 partial scholarships to low-income families in Washington D.C., but were amazed to receive 8,000 applications for those scholarships. This amazing display of demand for choice by low-income parents inspired the philanthropists to create a nation-wide program. Offering matching funds to both pre-existing and brand new PVPs across the country, Forstmann and Walton created the Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) and raised money from 40,000 partial scholarships. CSF received a broad based support from Republicans, Democrats, liberals and conservatives. Early supporters of CSF included big city mayors such as Richard Daley, Richard Riordan and Rudolph Guiliani, former Clinton White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Washington D.C. delegate Elenor Holmes Norton. CSF raised \$70,000,000 in matching funds for that 38 partnership programs, for a total commitment of \$140,000,000.

Families from all 50 states and from 22,000 communities representing 90 percent of all counties in the country contacted CSF hoping to apply for the partial scholarships. While scholarships were offered nationally, in many urban school districts a quarter to more than a third of the eligible children applied: 33 percent in Washington; 26 percent in Atlanta; nearly 20 percent in Los Angeles. ***Nationwide, 1,250,000 people made applied for 40,000 vouchers, a ratio of over 30 applicants to every voucher.*** Joseph A. Califano Jr., Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under President Lyndon Johnson, wrote the following about the extraordinary CSF experience:

These parents sent a powerful message. They want out of schools that cannot protect their children's safety, let alone teach them. This tidal wave of applications from parents desperate to give their children an opportunity to receive a quality education must serve as a wake-up call. The ideal of equality of opportunity in this country is predicated on a system of education that puts all children at the same starting line. Today the realities of public education have become dangerously alienated from this ideal. By quarantining poor, mostly minority children in schools affluent families would never tolerate, we do not preserve the institution of public education; we dishonor its guiding ideal.

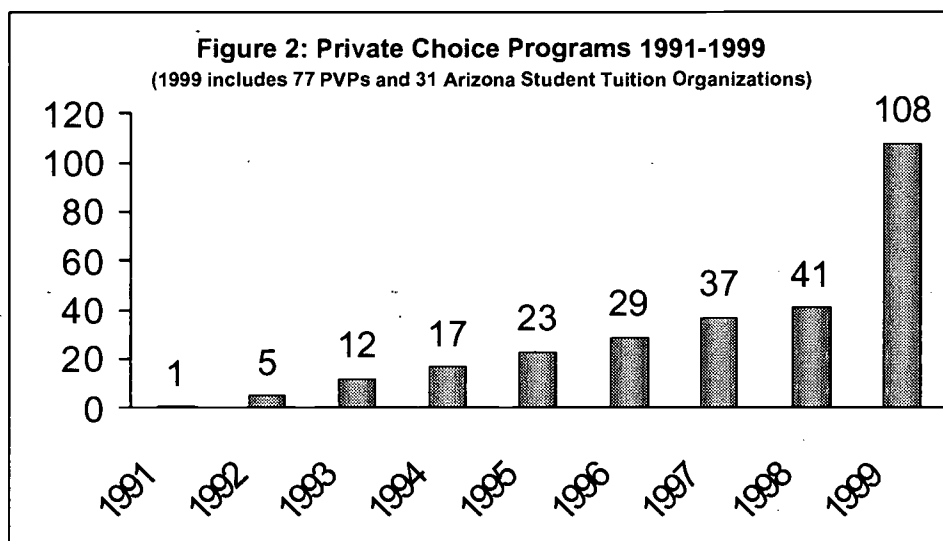
More than anything else, the private voucher movement has demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt that the debate over choice is far more than an abstract policy

argument carried out by contending groups of policy-wonks. **The 1,250,000 people who sought help from PVPs in 1999 are real people who want the opportunity to exercise choice in the education of their children.** Private philanthropists will continue to do all they can, but low-income families in this country will continue to be poorly served until they are given choice in how their education dollars are spent.

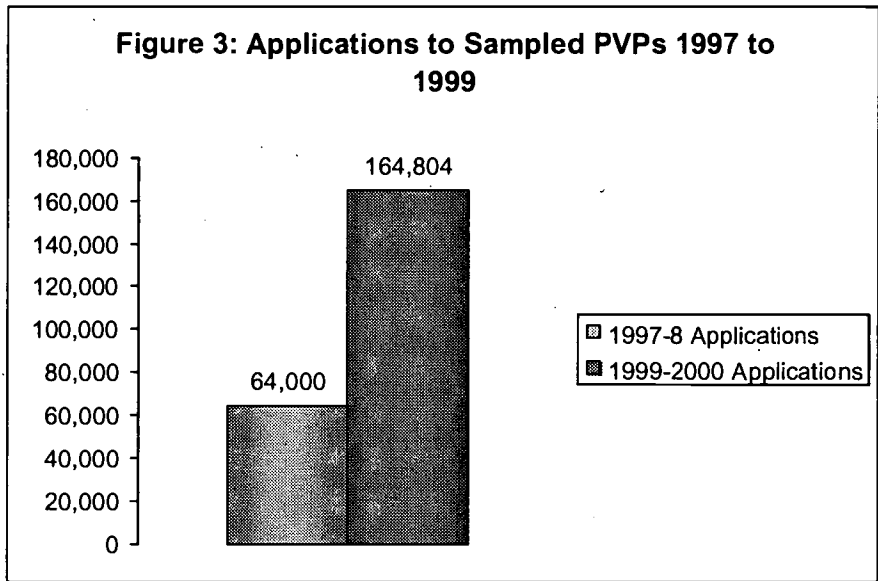
A RISING TIDE: TRENDS IN THE PRIVATE CHOICE MOVEMENT

The strength of the choice movement is demonstrated both by the increasing number of programs and the increasing number of families making applications. Figures 2 and 3 below show trends in the data regarding the number of programs and the number of applications received by our surveyed programs.

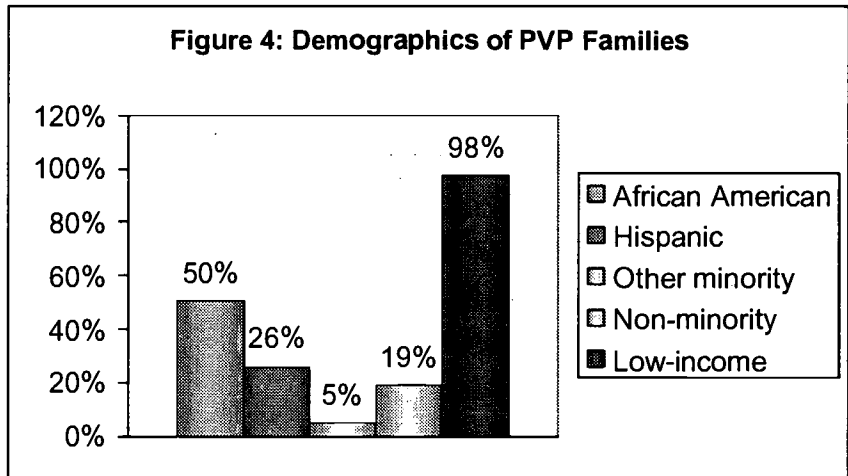
Figure 2 shows the information regarding the demographics of participating families. Not all programs track demographic information, but the profile is nevertheless unmistakable: PVPs serve a population that is almost entirely economically disadvantaged and is disproportionately minority. These are the people with the fewest education options, and the ones most in need of help.



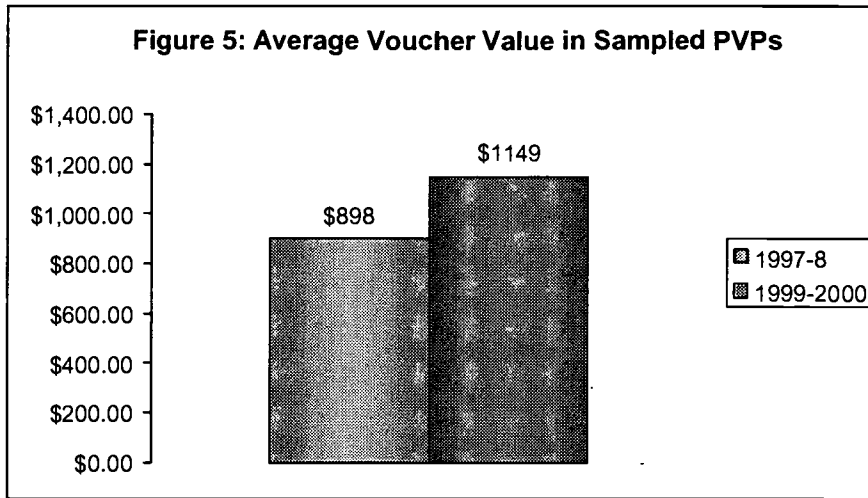
Children First America surveyed a sample of private voucher programs around the country. The PVPs in our survey sample demonstrated vigorous growth in the numbers of applications received in 1999, an increase of 157% when compared the 1997, as illustrated in Figure 3 below.



Sampled programs had total funding of \$33,407,773 in 1999, with an average total funding of approximately 726,000 per program, although programs budgets ranged widely, from as low as \$33,000 to as high as \$3,750,000.



Programs in our sample serve 32,238 students, with an average program size of 716, with an average scholarship size of \$1150. This represents an increase of 28% from the 1997 average of \$898. The ratio of applicants to winners for our programs was approximately 5 to 1. Despite the fact that these programs typically spend little to no money on promotion, that only low-income families are eligible for scholarships, and that participating families are still called upon to make great financial sacrifices to afford private schools, demand far exceeds supply for PVP vouchers.



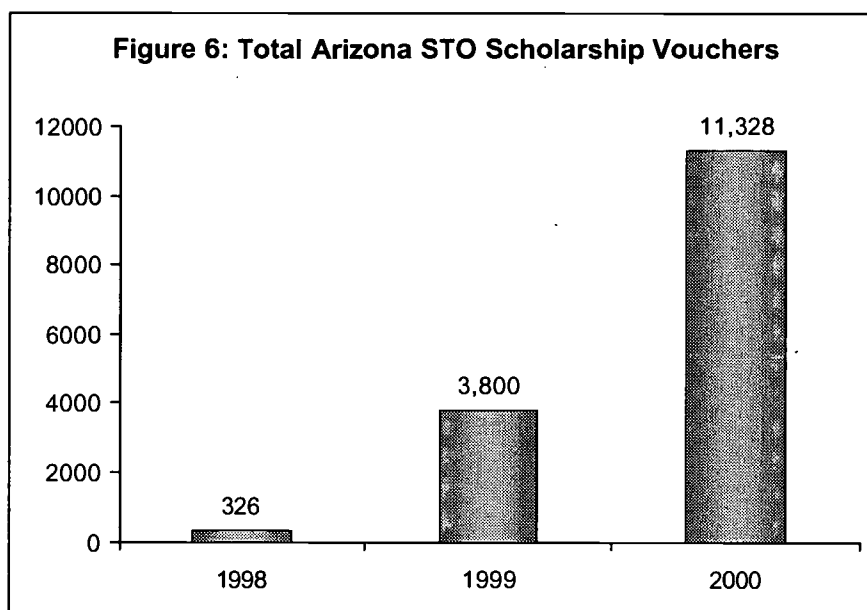
In short, privately financed voucher programs have continued to expand the number of students aided, while increasing the average aid provided to students.

TAX CREDIT SUPPORTED PRIVATE VOUCHER PROGRAMS- THE ARIZONA MODEL

Arizona House Bill 2074, the School Tuition Organization Tax Credit¹, was signed into law on April 7, 1997. The law provides for a dollar-for-dollar personal income tax credit for contributions of up to \$200 per household for donations to public schools for extracurricular activities and up to \$500 for donations to school tuition organizations providing scholarships to students to attend private schools. Proposition 301, a ballot referendum adopted by Arizona voters in November 2000, increased the tuition tax credit amount to \$650 per household. The new law goes into effect May 2001.

On January 26, 1999 the Arizona Supreme Court upheld the tuition tax credit law in a 3-2 ruling. The decision cited the Wisconsin Supreme Court's ruling on the Milwaukee choice program (Jackson v. Benson) and the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Mueller v. Allen (1983), which upheld tax deductions for school expenses. In Mueller v. Allen, the court ruled that the tax deductions have a secular purpose, do not have a primary effect of advancing religion, and do not create excessive church-state entanglement thus satisfying the test presented in Lemon v. Kurtzman (1971).

Since the successful defense of the Tax Credit program, a large number of private voucher funding organizations, known as Student Tuition Organizations, have arisen to help fund private school tuition. STO organizations have directed aid almost exclusively to low-income students, and the number of scholarships has increased each year.



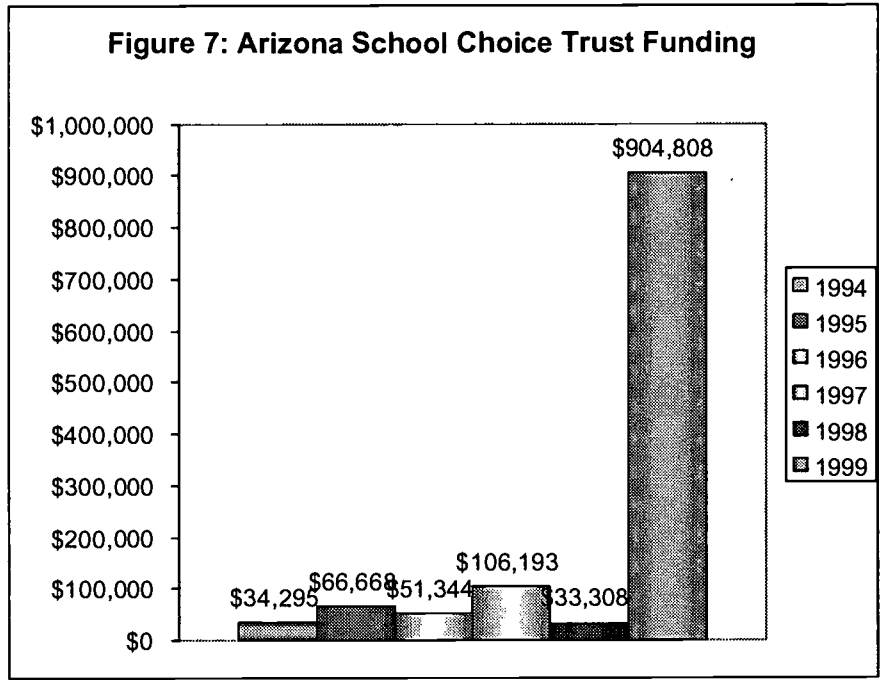
¹ Arizona Session Laws 1997, Chapter 48, section 2, codified as ARS 43-1089.

Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery, so school choice advocates in Arizona should feel proud. At the time of this writing in June of 2001, both Florida and Pennsylvania had enacted Arizona-inspired tax credits, while similar bills passed both the Colorado and the South Carolina Houses.

Table 2: Arizona Student Tuition Organizations, 1999

Clearinghouse	Donations	Amount Donated
Arizona Adventist Scholarships Inc.	371	\$163,563
Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization	6,173	2,816,791
Arizona Episcopal Schools Foundation	754	320,081
Arizona Independent Schools Scholarship fund	750	329,710
Arizona Native Scholastic and Enrichment Resources	38	12,605
Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund	424	95,120
Arizona Scholarship Fund	793	362,930
Arizona School Choice Trust	1,085	590,189
Brophy Community Foundation	1,534	617,374
Catholic Tuition Organization of the Diocese of Phoenix	11,060	4,672,380
Catholic Tuition Organization of the Diocese of Tucson	3,198	1,198,551
Chedar Scholarship Organization Inc.	623	257,025
Christian Scholarship Fund of Arizona	20	8,350
Educare Scholarship Fund	204	88,373
Florence Englehardt/Pappas Foundation	55	22,893
Foundation for Montessori Scholarships	16	6,100
HELP	592	252,951
Institute for Better Education	603	260,593
Jewish Community Day School Scholarship Fund	818	371,332
Lutheran Education Foundation	839	355,733
Maranatha Christian Co-Op Tuition Fund	14	6,025
Montessori School Tuition Organization	92	43,400
Northern Arizona Christian School Scholarship Foundation	370	125,897
Patagonia Scholarship Fund	35	14,147
Prescott Christian School Scholarship Foundation	320	137,000
Schools with Heart Foundation	177	74,230
School Tuition Association of Yuma	221	91,350
Southern Arizona Foundation for Education	367	162,082
Tesserac T Tuition Organization	280	133,015
VVBC Christian Education Fund	27	12,600
Walter T. Beamis Scholarship Foundation	25	4,221
Total	31,875	\$13,606,661

Source: Arizona Department of Revenue. Cited in Olsen, D. and M. Brouillete, Reclaiming Our Schools: Increasing Parental Control of Education through the Universal Education Credit, Cato Institute, 2000.



Similar bills were considered in a number of states. The level of difference an Arizona type tax credit can make to a private voucher program is demonstrated by the fundraising experience of the Arizona School Choice Trust, presented in Figure 7 above. The Arizona School Choice Trust is a Private Voucher Program predating the tax credit program. The effect of the tax credit on the fundraising success after the settlement of the lawsuit was immediate and dramatic.

Analysts predict that the Arizona program will continue to expand in coming years, both in terms of funds invested and the number of voucher granting programs. As additional states pass tax credit legislation, additional private tuition support organizations can be expected to flourish, and existing programs should be able to raise additional funds and help more children choose the best school for their situation.

SCHOOL CHOICE EVALUATION RESEARCH: A CONSENSUS OF POSITIVE RESULTS

Social science only rarely provides definitive answers to important questions. The consistency of results across multiple evaluations of school choice programs across the country, however, proves to be an exception to this rule. *Every major statistical analysis performed note positive developments associated with school choice.* Positive features include: higher standardized test scores for choice students, choice program parents who express higher satisfaction with their child's school, and a reduction in the level of racial segregation in our schools. Better yet, many of these evaluations have employed a study method (Control Group Design) which is of the highest possible quality, the same methodology medical researchers use to test the effectiveness of treatments and drugs. Furthermore, the weight of the evidence from non-control group studies reinforces the point that school choice programs have major benefits for both students and school systems.

Researchers produced evidence demonstrating that children perform better when attending a school chosen decades ago. Researchers, however, could not until recently definitively answer the following question: do choice students perform better because they receive a superior education, or is it simply the case that these students only *seem to do better* because of pre-existing advantages? Students attending private schools, for instance, might have parents who are more involved in the education of their children, and thus their children were on course to do better than average whether they went to private school or not. This "selection bias" problem proves very difficult to overcome in the absence of a Control Group study. Unlike the vast majority of education research, voucher programs now have several Control Group studies to draw upon.

This Control Group design has been employed in the publicly funded program in Milwaukee and also privately funded programs in New York City, Dayton, Washington D.C. and Charlotte North Carolina. Four of the five programs with Control Group evaluations have been privately financed CEO/CSF programs, demonstrating the vital importance of the private choice movement. In each of these studies, applications for vouchers exceeded the supply.² In each case, vouchers were awarded by random lottery in order to give each student an equal chance at receiving a voucher.³ The lottery method was initially used in Milwaukee simply to distribute vouchers in a fair way, but luckily, the lottery creates a perfect opportunity for research. The random lottery effectively divides children into a control group (those children who applied for the voucher but did not win) and an experimental group (those children who applied for a voucher and received it). These two groups are essentially identical *except* that one group of children received a voucher and entered the choice program while the other group remained in the government run school system. Both group of parents, for example, demonstrate a high

² The publicly funded Milwaukee Parental Choice Program was in fact sustained through privately funded efforts while enduring a challenge in the court, which ultimately upheld the constitutionality of the program.

³ Families with multiple children have typically been awarded multiple vouchers in the event that one child wins in order to allow siblings to attend school together.

level of motivation by applying for a voucher, showing a willingness to transfer their child in the hope of a better education. We can therefore confidently attribute differences in the performance of these two groups of students to participation in choice programs. Although researchers have found many benefits associated with school choice programs, the primary benefits identified are higher parental satisfaction with their child's school and higher academic achievement as measured by standardized test scores.

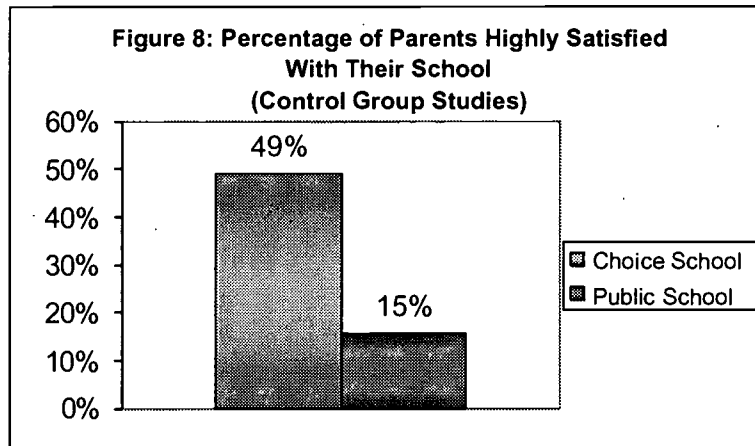
DOES CHOICE LEAD TO GREATER PARENTAL SATISFACTION?

Customer satisfaction represents the most basic measuring stick: satisfied parents indicate effective schools. Researchers have surveyed both choice parents and those of control group parents in order to measure the effectiveness of choice programs. Choice parents consistently display greater satisfaction with the schools of their children, as detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 3: The Effect of School Choice on Parental Satisfaction in Control Group Studies
New York- Peterson, Myers and Howell 1998
"The percentage of parents "very satisfied" with a private school was significantly higher for all of the following: location of the school, school safety, teaching, parental involvement, class size, school facility, student respect for teachers, teacher communication, extent to which child can observe religious traditions, parental support for the school, discipline, clarity of goals, staff teamwork, teaching, academic quality, the sports program and what is taught in school."
Washington D.C.- Wolf, Howell, Peterson 2000
"Forty-six percent of the private school parents gave their school and 'A' as compared to just 15 percent of the public-school parents."
Dayton, Ohio- Howell and Peterson 2000
"Private-school parents are more enthusiastic about their schools than either public-school parents generally or those public-school parents who applied for a school voucher. When asked to give their school a grade from A to F, 47 percent of the private school students gave their school an 'A', as compared to 25 percent of the cross-section of public-school parents and 8 percent of the public-school parents who had applied for a voucher but did not receive one."
Charlotte, Greene 2000
"Parents were asked to assign their child's school a letter grade, A through F. Nearly twice as many choice parents gave their child's school an A (53%), compared to the public school parents (26%). Choice parents were also nearly twice as likely to report being "very satisfied" with virtually all aspects of their children's school: location, safety, teaching quality, course content, class size, facilities, student respect for teachers, information on student progress, religious observance, parental support for school, discipline, clarity of school goals, teamwork among staff, teaching moral values, academic quality, and teacher respect for students."
Source: Greene (2000a) "A Survey of Voucher Results: Where We Are and What We Know" and Greene (2000b) "The Effect of School Choice: An Evaluation of the Charlotte Children's Scholarship Fund Program."

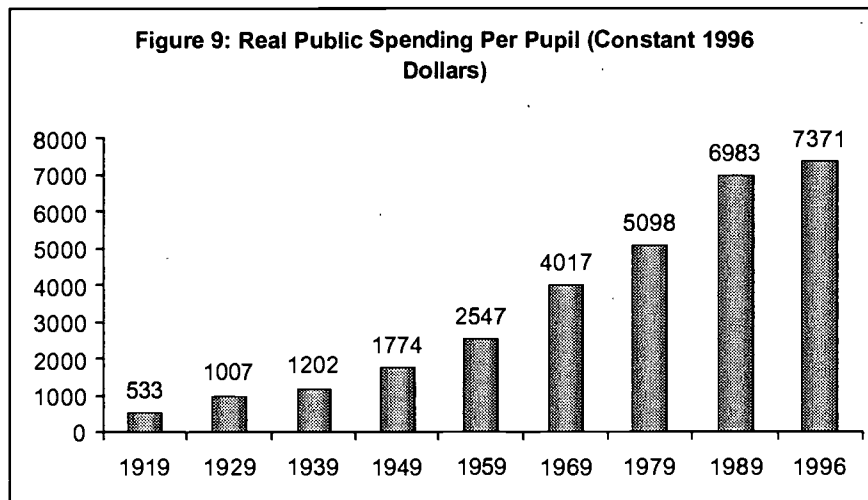
Obviously, choice parents express far greater satisfaction with their children's schools when compared with parents unable to exercise choice. Figure 8 below presents a combination of the overall satisfaction questions from the four control group studies

discussed above. Given the chance to choose the school that they think best serves the needs of their children, parents display far greater satisfaction in every measurement of satisfaction. The results should hardly surprise us: after all, how happy would you be with your car, computer, haircut or anything else if you were not allowed to choose it? Choice programs have given the power to choose to low income parents who previously had little opportunity to shop around for the best education available.



CHOICE PROGRAMS AND STUDENT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Improved education represents the “holy-grail” for which all educational reformers profess to quest. Attempted government-school reforms have ranged from the silly (e.g. open classrooms) to the deeply controversial and possibly counterproductive- such as “New Math” and “Whole Language Reading”. As the “reforms” piled up, government-school spending raced ahead. Figure 9 below presents United States Department of Education data tracking inflation adjusted spending per-pupil from 1919-1996.



Unfortunately, despite decades of greatly increased spending, we have precious little to show for it in terms of academic performance. *National real spending per pupil increased from \$3,500 to \$7,000 per student between 1967 and 1994 while during the same period, average SAT scores dropped 50 points.* Tragically for American schoolchildren, the “crusade” of the government-school establishment to increase student learning has resembled the bumbling knights of Monty Python, and the grail is nowhere to be found. The recently completed Third International Math and Science Study found that the longer American children stay in school, the further they fall behind students in Asia and Europe. American high-school seniors ranked near the bottom (19th out of 21 countries studied), ahead of only Cyprus and South Africa, in these international rankings.

Table 4: Test Score Evaluations of Choice Programs (Control Group Studies)
Milwaukee- Greene, Peterson, Du 1999
6 National Curve Equivalent (NCE) point benefit in reading and 11 NCE point benefit in math after 4 years.
Milwaukee- Rouse, 1998
1.5 to 2.3 NCE point gain in math per year in the choice program.
Dayton- Howell and Peterson, 2000
African-American students gained 7 National Percentile Rank (NPR) points in math after one year.
New York-Peterson, Myers, Howell 1998
Choice students in grades 2 through 5 benefited by about 2 NPR points in math and reading. Students in grades 4 and 5 gained 4 points in reading and 6 points in math after one year.
Washington D.C.- Wolf, Howell and Peterson 2000
African-American students in grades 2 through 5 gained 7 NPR points in reading, but students in grades 6 through 8 lost 8 NPR points in math after one year.
Charlotte- Greene 2000
Receiving a scholarship to attend private school improves scores on standardized math tests by between 5.9 and 6.2 NPR points, and between 5.4 and 7.7 NPR points on standardized reading depending on the type of analysis performed.
Source: Greene (2000a) “A Survey of Voucher Results: Where We Are and What We Know” and Greene (2000b) “The Effect of School Choice: An Evaluation of the Charlotte Children’s Scholarship Fund Program.”

Against this backdrop of repeated failure, the evaluations of school choice shine out like a beacon. *Every major evaluation of school choice effectiveness making use of the Control Group design has found significant academic gains for students participating in choice.* This includes test score evaluations in Milwaukee, Washington D.C., Dayton Ohio, and Charlotte conducted by scholars from Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, Georgetown, and the University of Texas. Several programs could not make use of the Control Group design because they did not use a lottery to distribute vouchers, but evaluations using alternate methodologies have found gains in these programs as well.

HELP TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

These gains are all the more impressive when placed into proper context: the students making these gains are from low-income families who have already demonstrated as a group academic achievement far below the national average. Table 5 below presents statistics on the choice programs with control group studies.

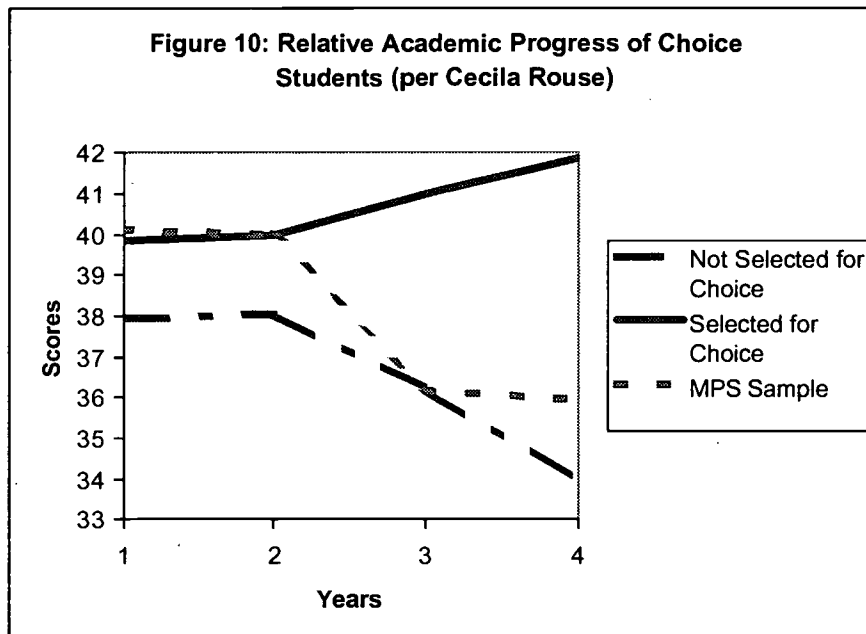
Table 5: Characteristics of Choice Students and Families			
	Family Income	Single Mother Family	Prior Test Score
Milwaukee	\$10,860	76%	31 NPR
New York	\$10,540	Not Available	27 NPR
D.C.	\$17,774	77%	33 NPR
Dayton	\$17,681	76%	26 NPR
Charlotte	\$23,449	64%	Not Available
Source: Greene (2000) "A Survey of Voucher Results: Where We Are and What We Know" and Greene (2000) The Effect of School Choice: An Evaluation of the Charlotte Children's Scholarship Fund Program.			

The scholarship winners from each of these groups are from low-income families, growing up in single parent families much more often than not, and with very low pre-existing test scores.⁴ These programs, in short, are attempting to help the most difficult to educate students- the same sort of students that public schools have demonstrably failed to educate for decades. Figure 10 below, taken from the review of the Milwaukee choice program by Cecilia Rouse, shows the academic progress on standardized math exams for three groups of students- choice students, students who applied for but did not receive a voucher, and a sample of Milwaukee Public School Students.

A close examination of the trend lines in Figure 10 reveal that the choice students show choice students gaining on their math scores, while both of the other groups of low-income students suffer a steady decline in their math scores. ***Rather than an aberration, these declines tragically represent the normal progress of students in urban school districts.***⁵ Tragically, it is common for children in urban school districts to fall behind national norms, falling further and further behind grade level. Not coincidentally, the dropout rates tend to be highest in urban school districts, as generations of students in government schools become academically frustrated, fall behind, and ultimately dropout of school.

⁴ NPR (national percentile rank) of the student choice group estimates the percentile rank the group average on standardized tests. The average score of the Dayton choice group, 26 NPR, indicates that 74 percent of students score higher than the Milwaukee choice group average.

⁵ See John F. Witte, "The Milwaukee Voucher Experiment," Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Vol. 20, No. 4, Winter, 1999, pp. 236-7.



This trend in urban schools has profound implications for racial inequality in the United States. Professor Lawrence Stedman from the State University of New York described the severe extent of educational inequality in the United States at a 1997 Brookings Institution conference:

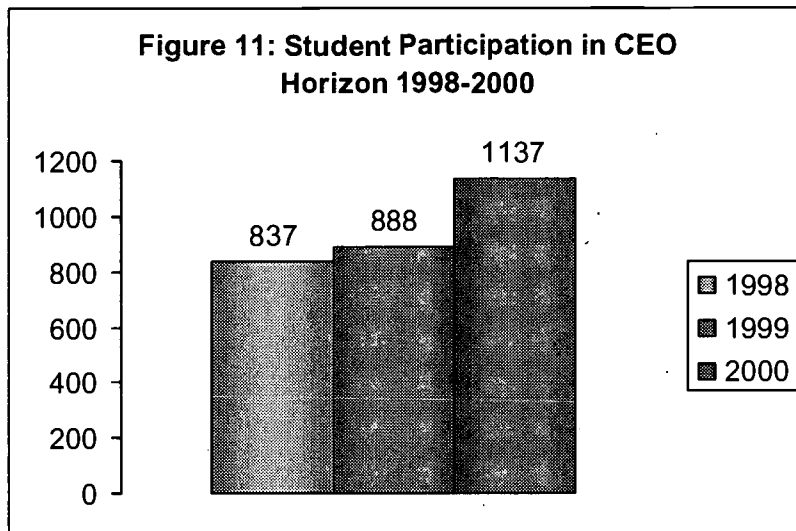
“The most tragic evidence...is the lingering performance gaps among different racial and ethnic groups...Twelfth grade black students are performing at the level of middle school white students. These students are about to graduate, yet they lag four or more years behind in every area including math, science, writing, history, and geography. Latino seniors do somewhat better than 8th grade white students in math and writing but, in other areas, are also four years behind white 12th graders...Schools and society remain divided into two different worlds, one black, one white, separate and unequal.”⁶

The research is clear: academic progress displayed by choice students will greatly benefit students and society as a whole, and can help prevent the sort of gross inequalities described by Professor Stedman. The CEO/CSF programs working to help as many low-income families escape this vicious cycle as possible. Fortunately, research has confirmed the overwhelming promise of choice based reforms while aiding these children.

⁶ Cited in Howard Fuller, “The Real Evidence: An Honest Update on School Choice Experiments” *Wisconsin Interest* Fall/Winter 1997, pg. 19.

CHILDREN “LEFT BEHIND” IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Opponents of choice express concern about children “left behind” in government schools, and conjure dark visions of the poorest of the poor stuck in schools that no longer have enough money to educate them properly. Defenders of the education status-quo claim that choice programs will “drain public schools of badly needed funds” leading to the “destruction of public education.” Supporters of school choice believe that competition for students will also create powerful incentives for all schools to improve.



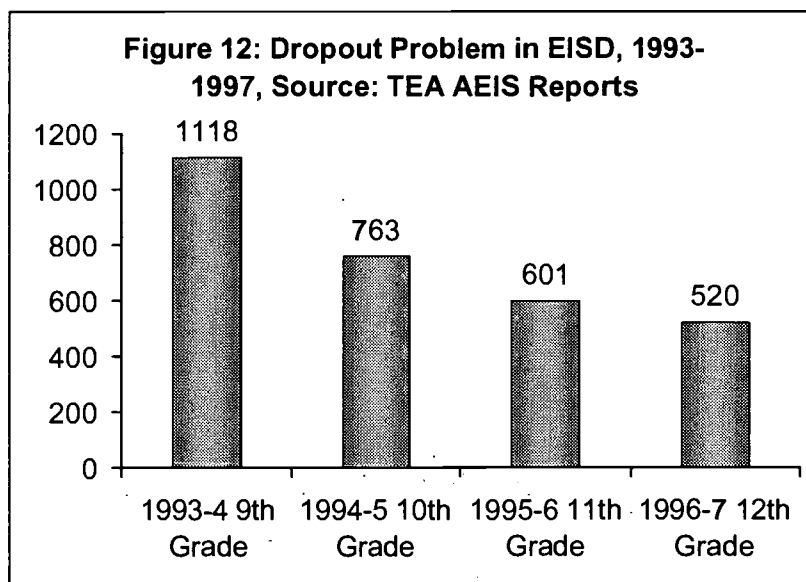
If the fears of opponents have any basis in reality, we should find evidence of such terrible outcomes in the Edgewood Independent School District (EISD) in San Antonio. The CEO Horizon Program has provided the option of a school voucher to almost the entire population of the Edgewood district starting in 1998, providing an empirical test of both positive and negative theories of the effect of choice on public schools.

The Horizon program is the only school choice program devoted to an entire school district. The program has no academic qualifying criteria, and is open to all permanent residents of EISD currently attending a public school (unless entering kindergarten). No lottery system was employed since all eligible students who apply have been provided with a voucher. Figure 11 above presents the participation in the Horizon program.

Enrollment in EISD declined from 14,142 students during the 1997-8 school year to 12,500 students in the 2000-2001 school year.⁷ Several factors impacted EISD enrollment during this period other than the Horizon program, including the relocation of a public housing project out of the district (costing the district 500 students), students otherwise moving into and out of the district, dropout rates, etc. After the announcement of the Horizon program, Edgewood became one of the few districts in Texas to accept

⁷ McLemore, David “Voucher Program Debated” *Dallas Morning News*, September 18, 2000.

transfers under a public school choice law. Figure 12 below gives an impression of the size of the dropout problem in Edgewood. These data, taken during the period immediately before the advent of the Horizon program, tracks the size of the Class of 1997 from their freshman to their senior years. The senior class has declined by 54% from the freshman figure.⁸ In short, EISD enrollment fluctuations have many sources besides the Horizon program.

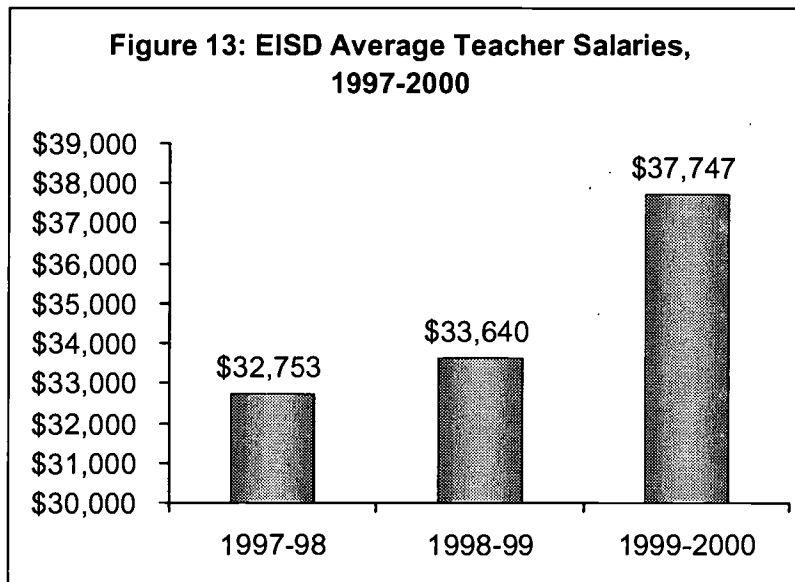


RENAISSANCE OR DESTRUCTION IN EDGEWOOD?

How has EISD fared since the Horizon program began? Some claim that the program has harmed the district. For instance, the Dallas Morning News ran the following quote from Edgewood Superintendent Noe Saucedo "We estimate the CEO program has cost the district \$5 million over the past few years...with that kind of decrease, we can't attract and retain quality staff." It must be noted, however, that while Edgewood receives fewer funds, it also has fewer students to educate as a result of the Horizon program, and loses none of the local funding despite enrollment fluctuations. Average teacher pay was \$4994 per year higher in 1999-2000 than in 1997-8, and the average number of teachers per pupil fell from 14.8 to 13.6 during this same period.⁹

⁸ We cannot be certain that dropouts account for all of this decline since students moving into and out of the district, transferring to other schools, etc. would certainly impact the figures. The decline in enrollment during the same period between 2nd and 5th grade, however, was only 8.5%. Students dropping out of high school certainly accounts for the majority of the more than six-fold increase in the enrollment decline rates between these two groups of students.

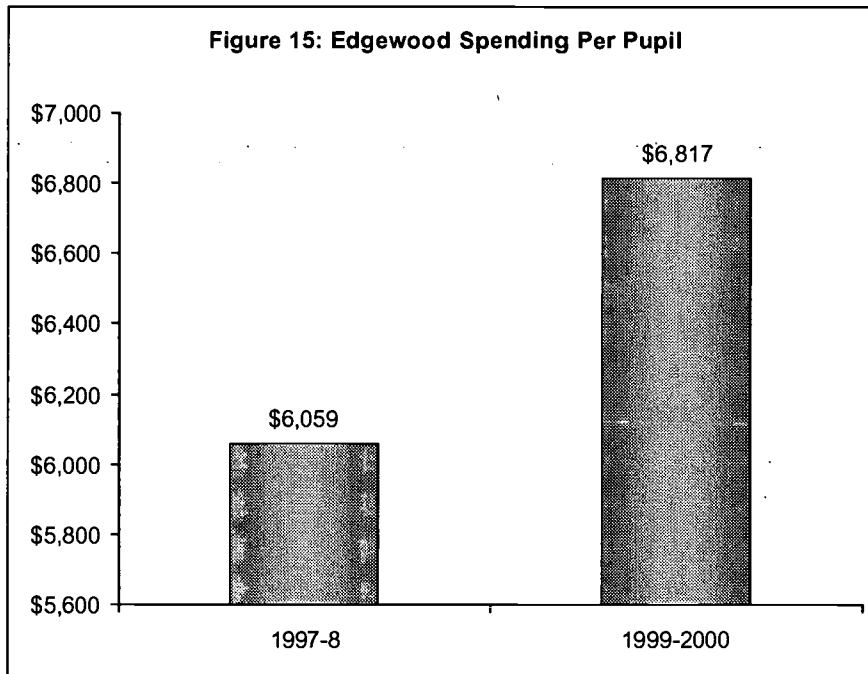
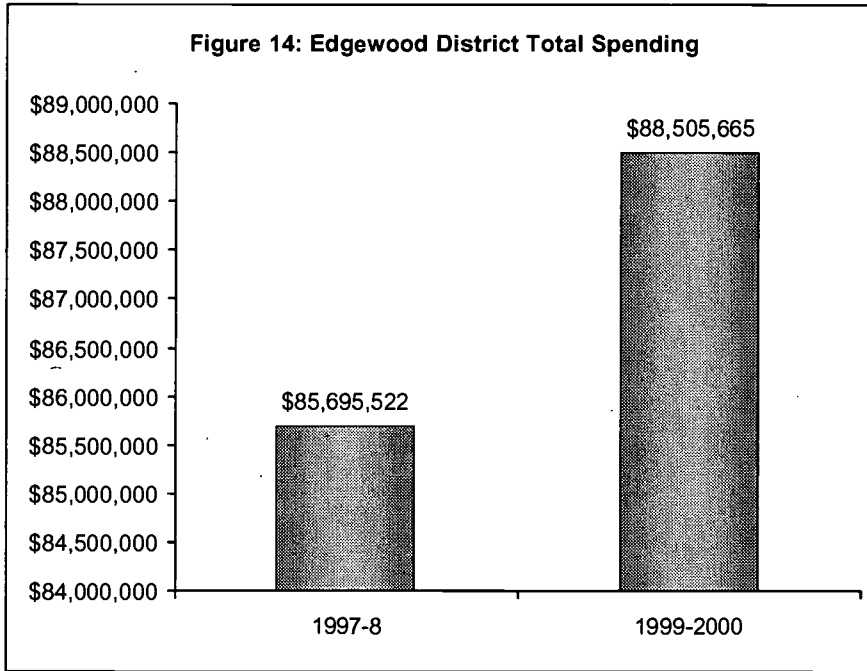
⁹ Texas Education Agency, AEIS Reports, available at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/aeis/>.



Total expenditures by the district have increased since the advent of the Horizon program. Rather than decreasing, the Edgewood district has continued to spend more money than in the previous year since the advent of the Horizon program, despite a substantially lower enrollment. Figure 14 shows that total Edgewood spending increased after the advent of Horizon, and as seen in Figure 15 below, spending per pupil increased substantially.

Total district expenditure in 1997-98 was \$85,695,522 (with 14,142 students) but was \$88,505,665 in the 1999-2000-school year, with 12,982 students enrolled.¹⁰ Best of all, the Texas Education Agency awarded EISD with a "Recognized" status in the 2000 accountability rankings for the first time, due to improvements in passing rates on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests.

¹⁰ The district's fund balance has declined from \$25,860,587 in 1997-98 to \$7,307,310 in 1999-2000. This is a drawing down far greater than the loss that the Edgewood Superintendent claimed in the Dallas Morning News as being associated with the Horizon program.



In short, Edgewood has improved their standardized test scores, have fewer pupils per teacher, and have higher teacher salaries than before the Horizon program created

competition for students. Predictions of doom seem completely fanciful when the data are examined closely. Further adjustments and challenges surely lie ahead for the district, but as of now, the district seems to be in the early stages of a renaissance, rather than sliding down the slippery slope to destruction.

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