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CHARTER SCHOOL GROUPS FORM DETERMINED COALITION

Described as the single most important piece of new legislation for education in 1991 by Secretary of Education, Lamar Alexander, the charter school legislation has provided a true step forward for educational reform.

Numerous hard working teacher/parent groups throughout the state have been frustrated in securing local permission to establish charter schools as established educators and school boards have been too reluctant to take advantage of the charter opportunity. It is this frustration that has brought individuals from all over the state together to form the Minnesota Charter School Network (MCSN).

Minnesota Charter School Network is moving rapidly to expand its membership and move forward on its agenda in three areas:

1. Education (increasing public awareness and enthusiasm for charter schools, and serving as a reliable clearinghouse for information).

2. Networking (facilitating cooperation and collaboration between individuals committed to the full and effective use of the charter school legislation).

3. Improved legislation (providing leadership in the shaping of better public policy and legislation pertaining to charter schools).

Minnesota Charter School Network is a non-profit organization co-chaired by Joel Brude of Burnsville and Ellen Polansky of Northfield. Those interested in joining the organization and helping in this most important work can:

call MCSN at 612-942-1322;
or write to MCSN, PO Box 2131, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076.