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National Coalition For Public Education Responds To DeVos Speech About Washington, D.C., Voucher Plan

The National Coalition for Public Education issued the following statement in response to today's event with U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and the Heritage Foundation marking the 15-year anniversary of the Washington, D.C., private school voucher program known as the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program:

"Education Secretary Betsy DeVos ignored the myriad problems with the Washington, D.C., private school voucher program during today's event with the Heritage Foundation. Repeated studies conducted by the federal government have clearly demonstrated that students in D.C.'s voucher program perform worse academically than their peers in public school. And government investigations have repeatedly shown that the program suffers from serious accountability problems.

"Public funds should fund public schools, which serve the majority of our students. Public funds should not be funneled to private, mostly religious schools – especially when they're harming children's education. Congress should end the failing D.C. voucher program, not renew it."

For more information about the problems with the D.C. voucher program, see NCPE's [website](#).

Founded in 1978, the National Coalition for Public Education supports public schools and opposes the funneling of public money to private and religious schools through vouchers, tuition tax credits, education savings accounts, and portability.