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Hello,
My name is Kimberly Grisez, I have 2 sons in a charter school program.
Both boys started in the local public school, in Bethel Park, Pennsylvania.

Matthew had difficulty reading, he was diagnosed with ADHD by the school psychologist in first grade. My pediatrician Disagreed with the diagnosis, but that didn't matter to the school. They put him in a "special classroom." When Matthew was in 3rd grade, he still couldn't read. The school blamed Matthew and pretty much gave up on him. Matthew begged me to take him out of school and teach him at home or to just let him go work at McDonalds, as he said, "because that's all I'll ever be able to do anyways." He broke my heart!!

When he started fourth grade, he started in a charter school. Matthew's reading level was the same as a new kindergarten student. With the help of dedicated reading specialists, Matthew excelled. His reading improved dramatically and he has been a straight A student ever since. This year, entering 9th grade, he reads at grade level, has the goal not only finishing high school, but also of going to college, and of becoming an engineer. A far cry from that third grader in the public school.

My point is that public school may be great for many children, but it's not right for every child. As a parent I should have the choice so that I can make sure my child gets the best education for him.

By the way, when Matthew started at the charter school I had my other son, Kevin, go for one year. After that year, and every spring since then, he has been given the choice of staying with the charter school or going back to the public school. Every year he has chosen to continue with the charter school. Kevin is much happier! His grades have gone from c-d average to straight A's. Getting him to go to the public school had been a struggle, now he loves school and actually wants to go every day! While his change is not as dramatic as Matthew's, everyone can see that the charter school is a much better fit for Kevin!

Students deserve to have a choice in their education, they shouldn't be force to go to program that does not fit them. If I don't like something my doctor does, I have the choice to go elsewhere, why shouldn't I have that say about my children's education.

Thank you for your time.
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