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New Report Shows School Choice Program Improves Florida's Public Schools

Study to be released next week shows modest but consistent academic gains

WASHINGTON--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--Florida's public schools are improving academically – and students are learning more – because of competition from a major statewide school choice program, a new report from researchers at Northwestern University finds.

The highly popular Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, which gives parents from the state's disadvantaged families the opportunity to choose a private school for their children, has contributed to modest but consistent academic gains in Florida public schools. The study revealed greater gains in standardized test scores in public schools that are more likely to lose students to the program due to the high number of private school alternatives, compared to public school students that do not have access to these alternatives.

These findings are expected to be released next week by the National Bureau of Economic Research and coincide with the recent passage of legislation that will dramatically expand the choice program from \$118 million to \$140 million per year.

"This study shows the dramatic, positive impact that school choice is having on not only families that benefit from school choice programs, but for children in Florida's improving public schools," said Betsy DeVos, chairman of the American Federation for Children. "Florida continues to set a remarkable example to the nation when it comes to implementing dynamic education reform that helps all children – especially disadvantaged children."

The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program allows corporations to receive dollar-for-dollar tax credits for making donations to approved scholarship funding organizations. These organizations then provide private school tuition assistance to low-income children in grades K-12. Serving as a model for the nation, the choice program is serving 27,600 in the 2009-10 school year.

For more information about the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, please visit www.StepUpForStudents.org, and for more information about the American Federation for Children, please visit www.FederationForChildren.org.

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