



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, to highlight the importance of effective educational opportunities for every child, the State of New Jersey is designating January 23-29, 2011 as the first-ever School Choice Week; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, there are more than 100,000 children in approximately 200 chronically failing schools and the need for reform has never been greater; and

WHEREAS, our Administration has made education reform a top priority and stands firmly committed to improving access to better education options for children and their families across the Garden State; and

WHEREAS, more than 150 state and national organizations are supporting this weeklong initiative to spotlight the societal obligation that all children be provided with a high-quality education regardless of their regional or economic differences; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that by September 2011, 97 charter schools will be operating in New Jersey, serving an estimated 25,000 children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

**JANUARY 23 THROUGH JANUARY 29, 2011**

AS

**SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**

in New Jersey and encourage residents to join the movement for education reform in our State so that current and future generations of children will be afforded the educational opportunities that are necessary for them to succeed.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-first day of January in the year two thousand eleven, the two hundred thirty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States.

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