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National Charter School Resource Center Enhances Website

New Features and Resources Provided

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 2, 2010)—The National Charter School Resource Center (Charter School Center) announces its enhanced website, which supports the Charter School Center’s mission as a national clearinghouse for the best available resources and guidance to support high-quality charter schools.

The website (charterschoolcenter.org) delivers important news, research, resources, and information about upcoming events and training opportunities. It also connects people with organizations and experts knowledgeable about operating charter schools. New features include links to current federal program and grant information as well as a highlighted charter school. In addition, users now are able to easily submit studies, events, and other information for posting.

“Charter schools have been and will continue to be absolutely critical to improving education in this country,” said Kelly Sparks, Charter School Center director. “We’re going to make sure the website taps into the clearest and most useful resources and makes them easily accessible to the people taking on the vital challenge of building and sustaining excellent charter schools.”

The website serves charter school leaders, teachers, and staff as well as state and local education agencies and authorizers that monitor performance. Its information is organized according to the Charter School Center’s five priority areas: assistance to state education agency personnel who oversee charter school activity, quality authorizing of charter schools, charter school facilities, charter school leadership, and successful charter models for turning around low-performing schools under Title I School Improvement.

About the Charter School Center

The U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Innovation and Improvement, under a contract with Learning Point Associates, developed the National Charter School Resource Center to promote effective practices, provide technical assistance, and disseminate the resources critical to ensuring the success of charter schools across the country. For more information, please contact the Charter School Center at 877-277-2744 or charterschoolcenter@learningpt.org.

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