Update on National Charter School Developments Trends since 2008

History

- First charter law passed in Minnesota in 1991
- First charter school opened in Minnesota in 1992
- Georgia law enacted in 1993
- 40 states and D.C. have enacted charter laws
- Iowa and Tennessee were the last two states to enact charter laws in 2002

The Numbers

- More than 4,600 charters, serving over 1.4 million students in 40 states and D.C.
- 300 to 400 new charters open each year.
- 100,000 to 150,000 new charter students enroll each year.
- In 12 communities, at least 20% of the community's public school students attend charters.
- In 64 communities, at least 10% of the community's public school students attend charters.

Federal Support

- Race to the Top: \$4 billion in 2 phases
- Baseline Criteria: Charter Schools
 - Law
 - Caps
 - Authorizers

- Funding
- Facilities

State Developments

- Illinois: Lifted the cap from 60 to 120
- Indiana: Defense on caps and moratorium
- Louisiana: Removed the cap of 70
- Minnesota: Authorizer quality; defense on restrictions
- Ohio: Defense on budget cuts
- Tennessee: Lifted the cap from 50 to 90
- Rhode Island: Defense on budget cuts

State Developments

Still In Session:

- Massachusetts: Cap lift proposal
- Michigan: Cap lift proposal
- North Carolina: Cap lift proposal

State Developments

- At least half of the states without charter laws are starting to consider enacting them:
 - Alabama
 - Maine
 - Nebraska
 - South Dakota
 - West Virginia