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Congressman Flake: New School Scores Show D.C. School Choice Measure Badly Needed *National Assessment of Educational Progress Scores Rank D.C. Public Schools Last*

Washington, D.C. - Arizona Congressman Jeff Flake, who represents the state's Sixth District, today pointed to a recent study by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) as further evidence that D.C. public schoolchildren desperately need Congress to pass D.C. school choice measure.

NAEP studied fourth and eighth grade reading and math scores nationwide and ranked D.C. public school students as the lowest performing. Scores can be viewed at <http://www.nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>.

“Clearly, the federal government is not living up to its responsibility of providing the children in Washington, D.C. with a quality education,” said Flake. **“The Senate needs to pass a D.C. School Choice measure.”**

The House of Representatives included a provision in the D.C. Appropriations bill creating opportunity scholarships for low-income children attending public schools in D.C. The scholarships would allow D.C. students to attend local private schools and greatly increase their chances of receiving a quality education. Unfortunately, the Senate has not included the provision.

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