# HRC OPPOSED VOUCHER PROGRAMS

**Then-Senator Clinton: Support For Voucher Programs “Undermines The Pressure That Should Be Brought On Significant Changes In The Public School System.”** [Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, [2/15/08](http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/29484954.html)]

**Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel: “Clinton Said She Questions The Constitutionality Of Such [Voucher] Programs, Citing The Separation Of Church And State.”** [Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, [2/15/08](http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/29484954.html)]

**Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel: Clinton “Questioned The Standing Government Would Have To Deny Vouchers For A School,” Saying “Once You Throw It Open, I Don’t Know How You Say No.”** Beyond that, she questioned the standing government would have to deny vouchers for a school such as a ‘school of the Jihad.’ ‘Once you throw it open, I don't know how you say no,’ said Clinton.” [Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, [2/15/08](http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/29484954.html)]

**Education Week: Clinton Worried That The Government Would Not Be Able To Deny Vouchers To Parents Who Wanted To Send Their Children To “The Church Of The White Supremacist” Or “The School Of The Jihad.”** “Sen. Clinton said, according to a Feb. 22 story in the Long Island newspaper Newsday, that if a Jewish or Catholic student could get a voucher to a religious school of his or her choice, another parent ‘comes and says, “I want to send my child to the school of the Church of the White Supremacist. … You gave it to a Catholic parent, you gave it to a Jewish parent, under the Constitution, you can’t discriminate against me.”…So what if the next parent comes and says, “I want to send my child to the School of the Jihad?” … I won’t stand for it.’” [Education Week, [2/28/06](http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2006/03/01/25fedfil.h25.html?tkn=OXRFPalgZpeaP4Cvwe7BKlgldOJD9XB%2BM9ms&print=1)]

# HRC SUPPORTED CHARTER SCHOOLS

**1997: Then-First Lady Clinton: “Our Real Objective - Not Only To Create Thousands More Charter Schools, But To Take The Lessons From The Charter School Movement And Literally Infect Every Public School In America.”** “‘I think the charter school movement is [no] threat to the public schools,’ she said two years ago. ‘It should be seen as a liberation of public schools ... And that is our real objective - not only to create thousands more charter schools, but to take the lessons from the charter school movement and literally infect every public school in America ...’” [New York Post, 7/12/99]

**1999: Then-First Lady Clinton Expressed Support For Charter Schools In Remarks To The National Education Association.** “I also hope that you will continue to stand behind the charter school/public school movement, because I believe that parents do deserve greater choice within the public school system to meet the unique needs of their children… Well, slowly but surely, we’re beginning to create schooling opportunities through the public school charter system that are providing those kinds of options for parents and students—raising academic standards, empowering educators. And I invite educators to be at the forefront of this. Because I know that the NEA has already helped to create a number of charter schools. And I’m very pleased that you have done this, because I think when we look back on the 1990s, we will see that the charter school movement led by experienced, committed, expert educators will be one of the ways we will have turned around the entire public school system.” [National Archives, [7/5/99](http://clinton3.nara.gov/WH/EOP/First_Lady/html/generalspeeches/1999/19990705.html)]

**2007: Then-Senator Clinton Reaffirmed Her Support For Public Charter Schools.** “Clinton said too many students feel like they're lost in the shuffle without the individual attention they need. She talked about directing money toward after-school assistance, summer school programs and one-on one assistance. She said she approves of public charter schools. She described how she worked to help create a single-sex high school for young men of color in the New York City school district, which has 1 million students. Clinton said she knows there are ‘crumbling schools’ in the United States in which the ceiling tiles are falling down, there is mold in the walls, and basic amenities are missing. Teachers are struggling with No Child Left Behind, an unfunded mandate that allows testing to drive curriculum, she said. ‘It's as though our teachers and our children are invisible to this president,’ she said. ‘I can make you this promise: They will not be invisible to the next president of the United States.’” [Des Moines Register, 8/1/07]

# HRC HAS NOT EXTENSIVELY COMMENTED ON CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT

**1999: Then-First Lady Clinton Said She Supports Public Charter Schools But Wants “To See Accountability And High Standards.”** “Clinton said she favors charter schools as long as they're within the public school system. She also stated her opposition to school vouchers, saying they divert funds from the nation's financially troubled public school systems and do not help to reform them. ‘I do not believe they solve the problem,’ she said. ‘I want to see accountability and high standards.’ Reform, a recurring theme during Clinton's visit, is not something she said she is hopeful about when it comes to overhauling campaign financing.” [Newsday, 9/15/99]

**Deseret News: While Bill Clinton Said Charter Schools Lack Adequate Oversight, “Hillary Clinton’s Views On This Remain Opaque.”** But charters are falling short of their promise, he added. "They still haven't done what no state has really done adequately, which is to set up a review system to keep the original bargain of charter schools, which was if they weren't outperforming the public model, they weren't supposed to get their charter renewed," Clinton said...Hillary Clinton's views on this remain opaque, Brinkler writes, but he notes that she did receive the endorsement of the American Federation of Teachers in 2008, and he speculates that she would likely end up among the critics of the pro-charter reform movement.” [Deseret News, [9/28/14](http://national.deseretnews.com/article/2436/charter-schools-need-to-live-up-to-original-deal-bill-clinton-says.html)]