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Kara Eastman Unapologetically Supports Public Education in Nebraska

As CEO of Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance and Vice-Chair of the Metropolitan Community College Board of Governors, Kara Eastman strongly disagrees with the prospect of a school “choice” plan espoused by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. Speculated to come to Omaha in September, DeVos stands for a model of education that is anathema to many Nebraskans. Students are not customers who need a wide range of consumer options. Rather, public education is the bedrock of our society and economy and must be fully funded so all students, regardless of background, receive a great American education. Yet the administration’s proposed budget contains dramatic cutbacks to public education, while the Education Secretary backs more private options.

Eastman backs up her stance by her work in the nonprofit community on behalf of children and with Metro Community College as well, one of the top community colleges in the country. She is proud to raise her daughter in Omaha and to have had her daughter attend public school since her first year in kindergarten at Dundee Elementary. She currently is a junior at Central High School.

Kara Eastman maintains:

Even though there are some successes, I do not support public funding and vouchers for charter schools, especially the 15% of those schools that are for profit. There are 6,900 charter schools with over 3 million students in 43 states, but not in Nebraska. The National Education Association just warned about charter school oversight, and the NAACP called for a moratorium on charter school expansion. Therefore, I distrust the administration’s political nominees who are advertising the benefits of a historic expansion of charter schools. That’s not what Nebraska needs.

For more information on Kara Eastman and her candidacy, please visit www.eastmanforcongress.com.

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