



Connections Education statement regarding the report:

"A Call to Action: To Improve the Quality of Full-Time Virtual Charter Public Schools"

Baltimore, MD (June 16, 2016) — Since its inception fifteen years ago, Connections Education has vocally supported the public charter school community. We will continue to do so because it's part of our mission and history.

We welcome a transparent and informed conversation about virtual charter schools, but today's report offers no new analysis to further the discussion. Instead it perpetuates false stereotypes that conflict with publicly-available information for Connections-supported virtual schools. This creates confusion and conflict within the public charter school community at a time when unity and collaboration is needed more now than ever before.

Over 65,000 students across the country have chosen to attend a school supported by Connections Education this past year – many of them public charter school families. Their motivations and satisfaction with their virtual school should not be ignored. These families should be treated as equals within the public charter school community, not something less than equal. Connections will continue to fight for the equal rights of virtual school families to choose a school that best meets the needs of their children.

See [additional statement](#) about the research cited in this report

About Connections Education

Connections Education is a leading provider of high-quality, highly accountable virtual education solutions for students in grades K–12. The company's Connections Academy delivers individualized learning to students through tuition-free virtual public schools. In the 2015–2016 school year, Connections Academy supports 30 virtual public schools in 26 states—serving ~65,000 students. Connections Education offers a fully online private school for students worldwide and delivers blended (combination of online and on-site) learning in seven schools via tuition-free, public, Nexus Academy schools. The Connections Learning by Pearson division meets the needs of schools, school districts, and other institutions with a full range of digital learning solutions for grades K–12 including: online courses, a program for homebound students, a digital learning platform, and private and public online schools. Connections Education is based in Baltimore, Maryland and was named a 2015, 2014 and 2013 "Top Workplace" by the Baltimore Sun and a 2013 "Best Place to Work" by Baltimore magazine. Connections Education is part of the global learning company Pearson.