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## QuickPoint! – School Choice Is More Than “Just Choosing a Different Brick Building”

By Kathryn Hickok

This week is [National School Choice Week](#), the world’s largest celebration of educational choice. Held nationwide every January, the Week raises awareness about the K-12 possibilities available to children and families, while spotlighting the benefits of parental choice. More than 313 events [will take place in Oregon](#) alone, sponsored by private schools, charter schools, and other organizations. The Week is nonpartisan and nonpolitical.

“School Choice is much more than just choosing a different brick building,” said Cascade’s Senior Policy Analyst and Founder Steve Buckstein. “It’s choosing different ways of learning, different people to facilitate that learning, and demanding different outcomes that meet individual student needs rather than the needs of officials in Salem.”

Nationwide, more than 32,240 events and activities will focus on all education options available today, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online learning, and homeschooling. Whatever kind of educational environment parents choose for their children, the options for meeting students’ learning needs are becoming more diverse every year. By participating in National School Choice Week, Cascade Policy Institute supports parents throughout Oregon and the U.S. in advocating for the ability to choose the best education possible for their children.

[Cascade Policy Institute will host a lunch roundtable](#) on Wednesday, January 24, at noon. Speakers will be Cascade’s Senior Policy Analyst and Founder Steve Buckstein, School Choice Outreach Coordinator Bobbie Jager, and Children’s Scholarship Fund-Oregon Director Kathryn Hickok. Admission is free, [but reservations are required due to space limitations](#). Participants are welcome to bring their own lunch; light refreshments will be served. Cascade’s monthly “Policy Picnic” series is sponsored by Dumas Law Group, LLC.

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