



Joyce Thompson chose a school for her daughter, Nora, through the Cleveland Scholarship Program.

Parental School Choice Is Widespread — Unless You're Poor

Many parents choose the school that their children attend. For some, this involves moving to a neighborhood with high quality public schools. For others, it means enrolling children in a private school. Still others use public and private schools.

The fact that school choice is widespread helps explain a recent poll showing that a majority of parents are satisfied with schools that their children attend. This definitely is good news for these families.

Unfortunately, the same poll found that one in three parents give a grade of C, D, or F to the school that their children attend. Clearly, parents don't knowingly choose an "average," "below average," or "failing" school. Rather, these parents — often in households with limited income — simply don't have options that are widely available to other families. These parents have little choice beyond the school assigned to their children by the government.

The Black Alliance for Educational Options (**BAEO**) wants all parents to have the kinds of educational choices that many parents now take for granted. **BAEO** is a national, nonpartisan membership organization whose mission is to actively support parental choice to empower families and increase educational options for Black children.

Our children are our most precious resource. It is our responsibility to love them, nurture them and protect them. It is also our responsibility to ensure that they are properly educated. Without a good education, they will have no real chance to engage in the practice of freedom: the process of engaging in the fight to transform their world.

To learn more about the kinds of educational options that **BAEO** supports, please visit our new website at www.baео.org.



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