



*From the desk of Richard N. Rickey
Founder/C.E.O.*

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Orenda Employees,

As I reflect on the year about to end I am very grateful to come to work each day enjoying the people I work closely with and for the many blessings we enjoy here in America. One of these is the freedom of school choice. I hope you never take this for granted. As I listen to our presidential debates, and read media stories on public education and the charter school movement, I realize that it's always possible new leaders, under political pressure from the traditional educational establishment, might want to "roll back the clock".

As we read about the growth of the charter school movement I hope you appreciate that you are a part of a movement to improve the American public education system and make it the very best in the world. Here at Orenda we don't believe charter schools are a panacea for what ails the public education system, but we are proud to have created another school choice in the communities where we operate.

Thank you for being a part of our vision to improve public education. I wish all of you a wonderful, restful and safe holiday.

Sincerely,

Richard N. Rickey