



Greetings Pioneer Families and Supporters:

Across the country and at PSPA, we are celebrating [School Choice Week](#). It is an opportunity to bring attention to the importance of families having a choice in where their children attend school.

At PSPA, since our beginning we have worked tirelessly to provide families in our surrounding communities with a high-quality school choice option. We remain honored that families continue to seek out PSPA, even while more choice options become available.

To be clear, not everyone believes in the transformative power of providing parents with school choice options. As I have shared previously, operating a charter school is not easy. We face challenges both legislatively and financially that traditional schools do not. We receive less money per student than traditional schools and we receive no money to support our facilities. Lastly, we face greater scrutiny and accountability when it comes to school and student performance. Simply put, there are decision-makers at the local, state, and federal level who do not wish for you to have the school options that you do. We cannot just assume that the options we have today will always be around.

Thank you for continuing to support Pine Springs. We have come a long way in 8 years, and with the prospect of a high school opening in the future, we still have much work to do. Please consider helping us, both now and in the future. In celebration of National School Choice Week, we invite you to make a one-time or recurring donation to ensure PSPA remains a high-quality school of choice. <https://pinespringsprep.org/donate/>

Lastly, we were honored to have the newly elected NC State Superintendent of Education visit our campus last week. Here is a quick summary that I hope you enjoy: <https://nc.chartercoalition.org/2025/01/27/state-superintendent-green-visits-pine-springs-prep-to-launch-school-choice-week/>

Sincerely,

Mr. Friend
Head of School