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Look Who Supports Charter Schools in Maine:

U.S. President Obama
U.S. Senator John McCain
U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan
Maine Governor John Baldacci
Maine Commissioner of Education Susan Gendron
Maine State Board of Education
Maine Office of Truancy, Dropout, & Alternative Education
Maine PTA
Portland Press Herald
Kennebec Journal
Bangor Daily News



Look Who Doesn't:

Maine Teachers Association
Maine Principals Association
Maine Superintendents Association
Maine School Board Association



**Many Parents, Teachers, Principals, Superintendents,
School Board Members & Business People
Do Support Public Charter Schools in Maine!**



\$\$\$ Fiscal Note: (with a **Strong** Charter School Bill)

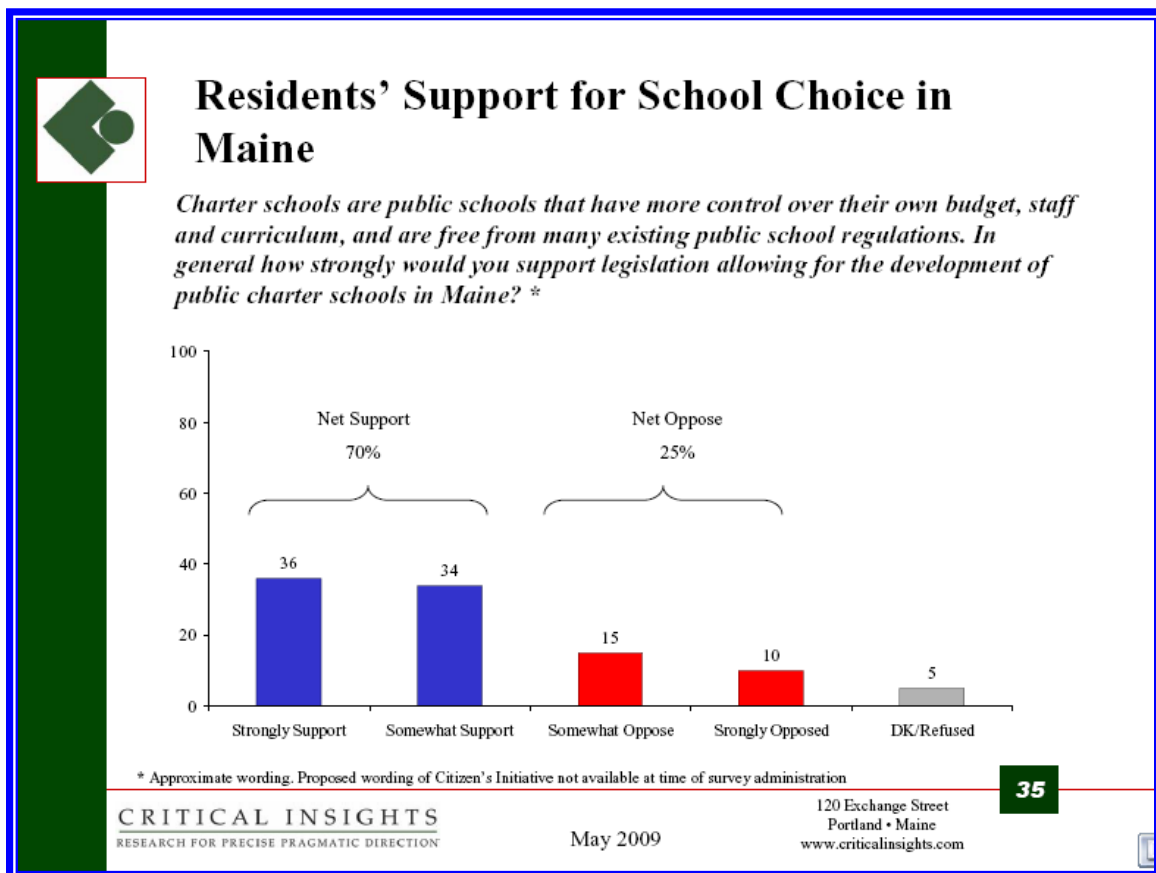
- * ***\$450,000 per public charter school over 3 years***
- * ***A Great Place in the "Race to the Top" for a share of \$4.3 Billion Dollars for Maine Public Education***

May 28, 2009 “States will hurt their chance to compete for millions of federal stimulus dollars if they fail to embrace innovations like charter schools.”...
 “We want to reward those states that are willing to lead the country where we need to go and are willing to push this reform agenda very, very hard,”...
 “There are a number of states that are leading this effort, and we want to invest a huge amount of money into them, a minimum of \$100 million, probably north of that. And the states that don't have the stomach or the political will, unfortunately, they're going to lose out.”

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

May 2009 - Critical Insights, a well respected polling firm in Maine, just released its Spring 2009 tracking poll, covering a wide variety of issues and political leaders. The Spring 2009 poll included a random telephone survey of 601 Maine people. One issue polled was charter schools. The results read as follows:

- ★ Support for legislation that would allow the development of public charter schools in Maine was high.
- ★ Currently, 7-in-10 residents say they would support such an initiative.
- ★ Notably, there was no breakdown across gender or political lines; men and women were equally likely to support this initiative, as were Democrats, Independents, and Republicans.
- ★ Younger residents and residents with children still living in the household were significantly more likely to support legislation allowing for public charter schools.



Survey was conducted by Critical Insights. Sample size was 601. Random telephone interviews were conducted across the state between May 14, 2009 and May 20, 2009. Results have an associated margin of error of ±3.4 percentage points at the 90% confidence level, or ±4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. Initial refusal rates for the study were approximately 2% overall, indicating that the sample was not tainted by non-response error.