

Education Secretary has poor track record

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The editors of the Washington Post call on Arne Duncan to [do the right thing](#) and allow the 200 students who he [kicked out](#) the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program back in for the Fall. These are the kids who would have received vouchers for the first time this year but the Education Secretary yanked them away due to uncertainties Democrats had created over whether Congress would re-authorize funding. As you recall President Obama has said the scholarships will continue only for those students already receiving them. Many of us ponder that he reached this decision so that the media cannot show his kid's school mates removed from Sidwell Friends.

It turns out that a majority of the D.C. Council has sent a letter to Mr. Duncan asking that the money for the 200 students be restored. This is vital since D.C. Children First has found that 90 percent of those who have been shutout will now have to attend some of Michelle Rhee's failing schools. Charters are not an option since they filled up before the Education Secretary's decision. The Washington Pot editors say that if Mr. Duncan will not front the cost then the city should pick up the tab.

Meanwhile, Cato's Andrew Coulson has been busy [investigating](#) Mr. Duncan's impact on student achievement while he was head of Chicago schools for 7 years and has [found](#) that it was in fact practically zero.

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