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PRESIDENT OBAMA GETS TO CHOOSE

Rep. Polly Williams, the Wisconsin legislator who gave birth to the Milwaukee school choice program, once quipped that the president “shouldn’t be the only person who lives in public housing who gets to send his kids to private schools.”

President Obama’s girls will attend Sidwell Friends, an exclusive private school (tuition is \$28,442 at the lower school and \$29,442 at the middle and upper schools) that counts Chelsea Clinton among its

alumni. I am glad the President gets to choose which school his kids attend. I just wish we would all get the same choice.

That is why Educate New Mexico is continuing to fight for the kids of New Mexico. We are working with our state legislature to pass the “Equal Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit” which will be generated by providing individual and corporate taxpayers who file a New Mexico income tax return a tax credit for contributions to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) funds are qualified, non-profit (501c3) organizations that distribute scholarships to families to be used at the school of their choice. Educate New Mexico qualifies as a Scholarship Granting Organization.

Your continued support enables us to be a voice for New Mexico’s children!

If we don’t stand up for the kids then who will? New Mexico continues to lag behind the rest of the country in test score results. Educate New Mexico is doing its best to help families send their children to the school that best fits their child’s needs. It is that choice that will bring a higher quality of education and life .

President Obama has the choice of where to send his kids. We must continue to fight until ALL kids have the same choice. We are the voice for children in New Mexico! You help us be that voice. Thank you!



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R U N N I N G FOR SCHOOL CHOICE

Thank you Tim Walsh for running for scholarships again this year! Anyone who donated in August 2008 was entered into a drawing for a Two Night Stay for Two in a Classic Room AND Breakfast for Two at the La Posada De Santa Fe Resort & Spa in Santa Fe, NM. The winner was Clayton Barnill from Roswell, New Mexico! Congratulations!!!

The following is a brief depiction of my fun run through Marin County last August 9, 2008. Please visit www.pctrailruns.com/Headlands_Hundred to see first hand how beautiful the countryside is on the north side of the Golden Gate bridge of San Francisco, California. Once the website comes up scroll down the page to "Course" and then to click onto "Race photos."

The five listed will provide you a sense of the day's event. Of the five listed "Chris's photos" show a bearded dude wearing a white hat and shirt, black shorts, along

with orange shoes (later turned to an unrecognizable basic brown from trail and forest dirt) – yes, that second guy in line is me running in the fog "101b" and power walking uphill in "101a."

For those Educate New Mexico supporters who participated in the fundraiser, thank you for the motivation to run smart avoiding falling off some sections of trail that overlooked the Pacific Ocean from thousand feet directly down to rocks and waves (near Pirates Cove). Also, missing many tree roots with tender toes in the John Muir woods (old forest area filled with pine and deciduous trees, some covered in moss).

I loved running the down hills most of all gravity is your friend when you are 61 years young. Rodeo Beach was a welcome sight knowing the day was coming to a close and the fact that many ENM supporters were again providing financial help to families who need school choice to engage their children in what is considered imperative – a great education. Thank you for being a part of what I love to do – run trails and promote school choice.

Tim Walsh