



# Why can't our kids walk to school?

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Because charter schools across town too often siphon tax dollars away from local neighborhood schools.

**DENVERPOST**

**Charter Salaries Attract Attention**

Chavez network excessive compensation gives charters black eye.

**denverpost.com**

Pueblo Superintendent wants (Chavez Network Charter) school audit, citing concerns with CSAP testing and execs' pay.

**ALLEGATIONS MORE TROUBLE FOR DENVER CHARTER SCHOOL**

The Denver Post

A troubled Denver charter school that is already on academic probation is under investigation by the district over alleged personnel problems.

The district launched an investigation into Challenges, Choices and Images Literacy and Technology Learning Center in northeast Denver weeks ago after allegations from a former employee, according to Alex Sanchez, spokesman with Denver Public Schools.

Principal Carolyn Jones said Thursday that the district asked her to look into the criminal backgrounds of nine employees.

None had felony convictions, but a few had been convicted of misdemeanor offenses, she said. She would not say how many.

**DENVERPOST**

**NOT ALL CHARTERS MAKE THE GRADE**

editorial

Charters and expanded choice options have their place... *but not at the expense of YOUR school.*

EMAIL ANDREA YOUR VIEWS:  
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**Andrea Merida** believes we need to focus on strengthening local neighborhood schools



*Andrea's Neighborhood Agenda*

- 1) She's running to bring excellence to Southwest Denver schools
- 2) She wants accountability of employees
- 3) She wants a "no excuses" attitude
- 4) She believes in equity city-wide. She wants to apply OUR tax dollars to local neighborhood schools where most of the kids go to school.

*(Taken from Candidate Forum: 10/8/09)*