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According to U.S. News and World Report Survey

The Maryland Charter School Network announces that a Maryland public charter high school was among the nation's Best High Schools 2008, according to a comprehensive survey released today by U.S. News and World Reports.

Baltimore Freedom Academy, a Baltimore City public charter high school that opened in 2008 was placed in the Bronze category. Nine other Maryland high schools also placed in either the Silver or Bronze category. Eighteen public charter schools are among the country's top 100 high schools, placing Gold, despite constituting 5% of schools nationwide.

The rankings appeared in editions of U.S. News and World Reports published today, Monday, December 8. It is available on-line at

<http://www.usnews.com/sections/education/high-schools/index.html>.

Begun as an innovative educational reform less than 20 years ago, public charter schools have grown to enroll 1.3 million students in 40 states and the District of Columbia, yet constitute only 5% of all public high school enrollment. Since the enactment of Maryland' charter school law over five years ago, there are now 34 schools operating, serving nearly 9,500 students in seven school systems.

MCSN is a non-partisan, nonprofit, statewide organization whose mission is to promote and serve the Maryland charter school movement. For more information about the Maryland Charter School Network, please call 800-689-3795 or visit www.mdcharternetwork.org.