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**INFORMATION:**

*Author’s credentials:*

This report was provided as a press release by the United States Department of Education, specifically citing Secretary Arne Duncan as a resource for information on the grants provided to Charter Schools across the nation in 2010.

*Scope and purpose of the work:*

This article functions as an informative report, presenting information on the grants provided by the Charter School Program State Education Agencies Grant, communicating statistics and information best suited for experts in the field of education.

*Intended Audience:*

Based on the use of statistics, as well as the location and depth of this report, this material was most likely intended for experts in the field of education and education professionals.

**SUMMARY**

*Thesis or main idea:*

The United States Department of Education is providing educational grants to encourage the incorporation of successful Charter Schools into the Public School System.

*Summary of main arguments:*

The author of this article provided insight into the active steps Arne Duncan, the Department of Education, and the Obama Administration are taking to encourage the growth of Charter Schools across the nation. The grants provided by the Department of Education described the belief the Obama Administration has in the Charter School System and the impact Charter Schools are having on the success of students and schools throughout the United States. These grants also demonstrate an example of the most successful Charter School models, one of which is Mastery Charter School in Philadelphia.

**EVIDENCE**

*Summary of evidence:*

This article provides examples of successful Charter Schools, such as Mastery Charter School Shoemaker Campus, and provides information on the grants given by the Department of Education to Charter Schools that have shown success in their education process, in an attempt to reform education.

**EVALUATION**

*Evaluation of research:*

This article was well-researched, providing a great depth of information surrounding the grants given out by the United States Department of Education as a way to encourage the continuation and growth of Charter Schools as an effective tool to educate students across the country, and, specifically, in Philadelphia.

*Evaluation of scope:*

This source provided a great deal of information on the subject, discussing a wide range of examples of successful Charter Schools across the country, such as Mastery Charter Schools in Philadelphia. This examples were encouraged by the Obama Administration through the grants given out by the Department of Education to Charter Schools demonstrate progress in the education of students. This leaves a tremendous scope of the writing, while lacking the bias that would limit the scope in the report.

*Evaluation of author bias:*

This is merely a report on the grants presented by the United States Department of Education to Charter Schools across the country, and leaves minimal, if any, room for author bias.

**REFLECTION:**

This article provided telling information about the success of Charter Schools across the country and the encouragement of these schools made by the Obama Administration and specifically the Department of Education and Secretary of the Department of Education, Arne Duncan.