

Statement of Congressman Michael N. Castle on the nomination of U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan-- December 16, 2008

"While I have not worked with Arne Duncan, I am encouraged by his nomination by President-Elect Obama as U.S. Secretary of Education. He has a positive reputation and is known for bringing students, parents, teachers, administrators and legislators together to put the needs of students first. He has overseen the nation's third-largest school system, expanded charter schools and enacted a performance-pay plan with the blessing of teachers. I am eager to work with the Secretary, at this crucial time for our education system, to make necessary updates to No Child Left Behind and focus on children who have been traditionally under-served."

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