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At 82 years of age, David remains active as a source and conduit of insight and perspective through his regular 1.5-page SchoolReport (kirkw@aol.com) e-mails. He regularly connects current events to broader trends and original sources, including renowned scholars such as Adam Smith, John Stuart Mill, and Milton Friedman. As a keynote speaker at our First Annual School Choice and Reform International Conference (January 14–17, 2012 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida), he will share his broad and deep insights with the assembled delegates.

He began his service to children as a public school history teacher and also served as a social studies department chair. From that base, he became an active, lifetime member of the Pennsylvania chapter of the National Education Association. He pointed out, repeatedly, in his SchoolReport e-mails that the National Education Association party line, strident opposition to school choice, did not apply broadly to the rank and file, and that many teachers supported choice-based reform, and many more wanted to learn more about it. He served as president of the National Education Association's Pennsylvania chapter, and he served in many other official capacities in both major teacher unions. In addition, he served in several Pennsylvania state government administrations.

In each of his many professional stations—many famously hostile to parental choice expansion—he has tirelessly provided extensive evidence that carefully constructed school choice expansions deserve the support of parents, children, and teaching professionals. He has seen the issues from all

sides, and he has contributed significantly to the civil debate. One can benefit from his broad and lengthy experience by attending the School Choice and Reform International Conference, by reading his books and articles, and by visiting the SchoolReport archives of the U.S. Freedom Foundation (<http://www.schoolreport.com/schoolreport/index2.html>).