The School Choice Journey
School Vouchers and the Empowerment of Urban Families

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“The School Choice Journey illuminates how well-crafted policies and practices can help urban families secure valuable education opportunities for their children. This is a must-read for anyone interested in improving the academic outcomes for urban children.”
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About the book
The School Choice Journey provides a realistic look at how urban families experience parental school choice with an inside view of a highly controversial case of school vouchers, the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP). The authors draw upon focus groups and interviews to examine the impact of the OSP on the participating families, likening their experience to a journey. The challenges faced by OSP families are carefully documented, culminating in their surprising, courageous, and ultimately successful fight to renew the school choice program. The insights provided by these pioneering families, provided throughout the book in their own compelling words, shed important new light on the significance of parental school choice within the broader context of urban poverty and education reform in the United States.

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