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## **Charter School Expert Joe Nathan to Speak at Century College Jan. 22**

Joe Nathan, director of the Center for School Change at the University of Minnesota, will discuss school choice and the successes and shortcomings of public charter schools at a luncheon event on Thursday, Jan. 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Century College's East Campus Lincoln Mall.

Nathan has been a public school teacher and administrator, and coordinated the National Governors Association education reform project, *Time for Results*. His specialty areas include parent and community involvement, school choice, charter schools and youth community service.

The Center for School Change seeks to help transform public education and to produce significant improvements in student achievement. The Center has received support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education and the Annenberg, Blandin and Frey foundations. Current projects include work with governors in six states and with schools in a number of communities to help increase achievement and the percentage of students who graduate ready to do college-level work.

Nathan has testified before 20 state legislatures and the U.S. Congress. He regularly publishes commentaries in major U. S. newspapers and has appeared on several hundred radio and television programs. The American School Boards Journal called his book *Charter Schools: Creating Hope and Opportunity for American Education* one of the best books ever written on this topic.

The public is invited to attend this free public event. Please RSVP to [Sue Klecker](#) at 651-773-1792.