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A Student's Education Fate Shouldn't Be Decided by a ZIP Code

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For too long, school boundary lines have dictated a child's educational opportunities based on their home address rather than their needs. But across the country, momentum is growing to remove these outdated barriers.

The No More Lines Coalition, a diverse alliance of more than 55 organizations, is demonstrating that transformational education reform can unite people across political divides. This movement isn't just about policy change—it's about ensuring every child has access to the best educational opportunities, regardless of their ZIP code. And lawmakers are taking action.

In at least 23 states over the past year, legislation has been introduced to expand public school access. Nevada's proposed Assembly Bill 533, for instance, would empower students to enroll in any (intradistrict) public school that best fits them. In Alaska this past session, Gov. Mike Dunleavy backed legislation in both chambers to enable families with more options. This bipartisan push signals a recognition that public education should serve students, not archaic district lines.

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