

# ALASKA STATE SENATE



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### KEVIN P CHAVOUS

Kevin P. Chavous is a noted attorney, author, and national school reform leader. He currently heads The Chavous Group, an education consulting firm, and is a founding board member and senior advisor to the American Federation for Children. He also presides as board chair for Democrats for Education Reform and is a former chair and board member for the Black Alliance for Educational Options.

A former member of the Council of the District of Columbia and a former council chairman for D.C.'s Education Committee, Mr. Chavous has been at the forefront of change within Washington's public school system. He was integral in shaping Washington's three-sector education partnership with the federal government. This union not only yielded 50 million new federal dollars for D.C. public and charter schools, but it also led to the first federal scholarship program granting 2,000 low-income children the opportunity to attend private schools.

In recent years, Mr. Chavous has continued to support charter schools and parental choice programs across the country. Most notably, he spearheaded a team working with Governor Bobby Jindal that helped pass a scholarship bill giving low-income children the chance to attend private schools in New Orleans. That program was recently expanded statewide. In 2008, Mr. Chavous served on the education policy committee of the Obama for President Campaign.

Mr. Chavous is an accomplished author, having published *Serving Our Children: Charter Schools and the Reform of American Public Education* and his new book, *Voice of Determination: Children that Defy the Odds*. Mr. Chavous writes a regular education blog for *The Huffington Post* and his editorials have appeared in several prominent newspapers. Mr. Chavous remains a highly sought after public speaker.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, Mr. Chavous graduated from Wabash College, where he was an NCAA All-American in basketball. He earned his law degree from Howard University School of Law and was the president of his graduating class. Mr. Chavous lives in Washington, D.C.

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