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President 's Appointments

APPT DATE - 9/24/04

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Appoin</u>
DEVOS, Elisabeth D.	Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a term expiring 09/01/10			09/24
EDER, Michele Longo	Member of the Arctic Research Commission (Private Industry Representative (3)) for a term expiring 02/26/08			09/24
GOSS, Porter J.	Director of Central Intelligence	09/07/04	09/22/04	09/24
GRIZZARD, W. Roy	Member of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (Dept. of Labor Rep.)			09/24
HOLLIDAY, Stuart W.	Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations	11/20/03	09/20/04	09/24
LEAHY, Patrick J.	Representative of the United States of America to the Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations (Senator)	09/13/04	09/20/04	09/24
MOCHARY, Mary	Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a term expiring 09/01/08			09/24
OURISMAN, Mary M.	Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a term expiring 09/01/10			09/24
REYNOLDS, Gabrielle B.	Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a term expiring 09/01/10			09/24
ROYER, Thomas C.	Member of the Arctic Research Commission (Academic Representative (1)) for a term expiring 02/26/08			09/24


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RUBENSTEIN, David	Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a term expiring 09/01/08			09/24
SCHWARZMAN, Stephen	Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a term expiring 09/01/10			09/24
SPANOS, Alex	Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a term expiring 09/01/10			09/24
SUNUNU, John E.	Representative of the United States of America to the Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations	09/13/04	09/20/04	09/24
TREADWELL, Alexander	Member of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for a term expiring 09/01/10			09/24

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 8, 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT  
THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE CLERK

FROM:  DINA POWELL  
SUBJECT: PA Appointments

Attached for your signature are the appointments of the following individuals to be Members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

Elisabeth D. DeVos of Michigan, for a six year term expiring 09/01/10, vice Kenneth M. Duberstein.

Mary Mochary of Virginia, for a six year term expiring 09/01/10, vice Jon Stevens Corzine.

Mary M. Ourisman of the District of Columbia, for a six year term expiring 09/01/10, vice Donna Cochran McLarty.

Gabrielle B. Reynolds, for a six year term expiring 09/01/10, vice Anita Boffa Cafritz.

David Rubenstein of the District of Columbia, for the remainder of a six year term expiring 09/01/08, vice James D. Wolfensohn.

Stephen Schwarzman of New York, for the remainder of a six year term expiring 09/01/08, vice James A. Johnson.

Alex Spanos of California, for a six year term expiring 09/01/10, vice Robert Bruce Barnett.

Sandy Treadwell of New York, for a six year term expiring 09/01/10, vice Anita Ray Arnold.


You approved these appointments on July 15, 2004.

All necessary clearances have been completed.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 8, 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR SCOTT McCLELLAN

FROM:  DINA POWELL  
SUBJECT: PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The following personnel announcement is ready for release. Please announce the President's intention to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

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cc: Andrew H. Card, Jr.  
Alberto R. Gonzales  
David Hobbs  
Brett Kavanaugh  
Tim Saunders  
Matt Schlapp  
Eric Motley

## Sechrist, Michael

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**From:** White House Press Releases  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 07, 2004 6:39 PM  
**Subject:** PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT

### THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Columbia, Missouri)

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For Immediate Release

September 7, 2004

President George W. Bush today announced his intention to designate three individuals and appoint nineteen individuals to serve in his administration:

The President intends to designate Tim S. McClain, of California, to be Acting Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Human Resources and Administration).

The President intends to designate Cortright Wetherill, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Chairman of the Advisory Committee on the Arts, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President intends to appoint W. Roy Grizzard, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled (Department of Labor Representative).

The President intends to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the Arctic Research Commission for the remainder of a four-year term expiring February 26, 2008:

Michele Longo Eder of Oregon (Business Representative)

Thomas C. Royer of Virginia (Academic Representative)

The President intends to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee:

Lawrence T. Babbio, Jr. of New York

Gregory Q. Brown of Illinois

Ken Dahlberg of California

William J. Hannigan of New Jersey

Stan Sigman of Texas

Joseph R. Wright of New York

The President intends to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

Elisabeth D. DeVos, of Michigan, for a six-year term expiring September 1, 2010

Mary Mochary, of Virginia, for a six-year term expiring September 1, 2010

Mary M. Ourisman, of the District of Columbia, for a six-year term expiring September 1, 2010

Gabrielle B. Reynolds, of Ohio, for a six-year term expiring September 1, 2010

David Rubenstein, of Maryland, for the remainder of a six-year term expiring September 1, 2008

Stephen Schwarzman, of New York, for the remainder of a six-year term expiring September 1, 2008

Alex Spanos, of California, for a six-year term expiring September 1, 2010

Sandy Treadwell, of New York, for a six-year term expiring September 1, 2010

The President intends to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel:

Cheryl Bates-Harris, of Pennsylvania, for the remainder of a four-year term expiring July 27, 2008

Dorothy L. Watson, of Maryland, for the remainder of a four-year term expiring July 27, 2008

The President intends to designate Berthy De La Rosa-Aponte, of Florida, to be Chairperson of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington

August 30, 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR KATJA BULLOCK

FROM: ANN L. LOUGHLIN  
Clearance Counsel  
Office of Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Candidates cleared for Appointment

The Office of Counsel to the President has cleared for appointment the following candidates to be Members, Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

- Elisabeth DeVos
- Gabrielle B. Reynolds
- Mary M. Ourisman
- Mary Mochary
- Stephen Schwarzman
- Alex Spanos
- David Rubenstein
- Sandy Treadwell

cc: Dina Powell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 14, 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DINA POWELL

SUBJECT: Personnel Selection

Andy Card and I recommend you approve for possible appointment the following individuals to be Members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts:

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Upon your approval, appropriate clearances for each individual will be initiated. An announcement of intention to appoint will be made upon completion of all necessary clearances.

APPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 07/08/04 PREPARED BY: Eric L. Motley  
NAME: Elisabeth Dee DeVos  
NAME & STATE: Elisabeth D. DeVos of Michigan  
POSITION: Member, Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

TYPE: (bold one) PAS PA SES FT PT TERM: Six year term expiring 09/01/10

VICE: Kenneth M. Duberstein GENDER: F DOB: (b)(6)

BIRTHPLACE: Holland, MI PARTY: R SSN: (b)(6)

ETHNIC HERITAGE: Dutch RACE: White

CHILDREN: Richard M., III, Elisabeth LeAnne, Andrea Nicole, Ryan Edgar SPOUSE: Richard M. DeVos, Jr.

VOTING CITY, STATE: Ada Township, MI HOME STATE: Michigan  
(in 2000)

CURRENT HOME ADDRESS: (b)(6)

HOME PHONE: (b)(6)

CURRENT POSITION AND WORK ADDRESS: Chairman of the Republican Party of Michigan  
2121 East Grand River Drive  
Lansing, MI 48912

Chairman of the Windquest Group, Inc.  
126 Ottawa Avenue, NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

WORK PHONE: (517) 487-5413, (616) 459-4500

EDUCATION: BS, Calvin College, 1979

AWARDS: None

PREVIOUS POSITION HELD: Committeewoman, Republican National Committee

MILITARY SERVICE: None

PREVIOUS PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS: None

President Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Package Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Counsel Clearance Sent: \_\_\_\_\_



Active in Republican politics since serving as a "scatterblitzer" for President Gerald R. Ford in 1976, Betsy DeVos was elected to a two-year term as Chairman of the Michigan Republican State Committee (MRSC) at the MRSC convention on January 25, 2003. She previously served as Chairman of the Michigan Republican State Committee, from May 1996 to February 2000.

In 2001, she founded the Great Lakes Education Project, a political action committee (GLEP), and served as its Chairman prior to her election of the MRSC post. Betsy served as the National Finance Chairman for the National Republican Senatorial Committee in 2000. She also participated in the 2000 Republican National Convention in Philadelphia as a Delegate from Michigan's Third District and had previously been a delegate to the 1988, 1992 and 1996 conventions. She was Republican National Committeewoman for Michigan 1992-1997, has served in many other party offices, and has worked on numerous other national, state and local campaigns.

In the private sector, Betsy DeVos is Chairman of The Windquest Group, a privately held company founded in 1989.

Betsy is also very active in the community and currently serves on a number of national and local boards including the American Education Reform Council, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Kids Hope USA, The Acton Institute, Compass Arts, Children First America and the Education Freedom Fund, a Michigan foundation that provides scholarships for low-income children to attend schools of their choice.

A graduate of Holland Christian High School, Betsy received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration/Political Science from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Betsy and her husband Dick have four children, aged 20 to 11. They enjoy travel, boating and skiing together as a family.

**Political Leadership and Activities (partial list)**

National Finance Chairman, National Republican Senatorial Committee, 2000  
Chairman, Michigan Republican State Committee, 1996-2000  
Republican National Committeewoman-Michigan, 1992-1997  
Chairman, Spence Abraham for U.S. Senate Committee, 1994

Delegate, Republican National Convention, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000  
Precinct Delegate, 1986-Present

**Current Community Activities (partial list)**

Member, Board of Directors, Education Freedom Fund, 1995-Present

Co-chairman, "Heartbeat" fundraiser for the American Heart Association, 1995-Present

Member, Board of Trustees, American Council of Young Political Leaders, 1995-Present

Member, Board of Directors, Children First/CEO America, 2000-Present

Chairman, Choices for Children, 2001

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DEVOS	ELISABETH "BETSY"	Dee		Republican Official

Position Sought	Position	Firm / Agency
JFK Board	Chairman Present	Republican Party of Michigan

Notables
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>"President Bush Has Acted To Help Lessen America's Dependence On Oil And Increase Our Ability To Use Alternative Energy Sources," Devos Said In A Statement.</b> "At every turn, John Kerry has stood in the way of efforts to enact a comprehensive energy policy that would ensure a more reliable energy supply and lower gas prices." (<i>The Associated Press</i>, 2004).</li> <li>- <b>Betsy Devos, Michigan Republican Party Chairwoman, Said Some Of The Democrats' Rhetoric Against President Bush On Sunday Was "Bordering On Hate Speech."</b> DeVos referred particularly to Sen. John Kerry's remark that Attorney General John Ashcroft considers himself to be "God Almighty." "The tone of a number of their comments was going beyond the political," she said. DeVos watched the debate with about 50 college and teenage Republicans in a restaurant across the street from the Fox Theatre. DeVos said all nine Democrats have promised to fully or partially roll back President Bush's tax cuts, which should worry voters in Michigan. "The only way new jobs get created is to encourage businesses to invest, take risks and expand," she said. Increasing taxes "makes it less and less likely that anyone's going to expand and start up new enterprise." (<i>The Detroit Free Press</i>, 2003).</li> <li>- <b>In 2003, The Detroit Free Press Reported:</b> If Michigan legislators feel obliged to prove they are so "pro-marriage," they should encourage more people to join the institution rather than ostracize some who want to. But some lawmakers, mostly conservative Republicans, insist on pushing for an amendment to the state Constitution to ban gay marriage. Several resolutions also urge Congress to change the federal Constitution to say marriage can only occur between one man and one woman. It's wrong, and even state GOP Chair Betsy DeVos and President George W. Bush say it may be unnecessary. Michigan, like other states and the federal government, already has a Defense of Marriage Act banning same-sex marriage.</li> <li>- <b>In 2003, The Associated Press Reported On DeVos' Criticism Of Senator John Kerry (D-MA).</b> Michigan Republican Chairwoman Betsy DeVos also criticized</li> </ul>

Kerry. "It seems disingenuous to me to claim to want to increase manufacturing jobs, but at the same time advocate for extreme increases" in fuel efficiency standards, DeVos said in a statement. According to *The Associated Press* (2004): "Whatever the issue, be it economic policy, national security or social policy," said GOP Chairman Betsy DeVos, "Senator John Kerry is out of sync with most voters in Michigan."

- **DeVos Commented On Governor Jennifer Granholm (D-MI).** In a Saturday night speech, DeVos blamed Granholm for a litany of failures, from loss of state jobs to rising college tuitions to excessive public relations. Granholm, she said, has nothing to show after nine months in office. "This is not a show," DeVos said. "This is not a Broadway play. This is real life, and actions, or lack thereof, have real consequences for real people. The honeymoon is long over." (*Detroit Free Press*, 2003). Granholm deftly cited the Bible on the importance of protecting the vulnerable among us: "Whatsoever you do to the least of these, so also you do unto me." But Republican State Chair Betsy DeVos Granholm went too far in applying religious terms to criticize opponents. (*The Detroit News*, 2004).
- **In 2003, *The Detroit Free Press* Reported That DeVos Opposed A Controversial Ballot Plan To Ban Racial Preferences In State College Admissions.** State Republican Chairman Betsy DeVos announced earlier this month that she opposed the proposal, calling it ill-advised and unnecessary.
- **In 2003, *USA Today* Reported:** "The impact of the downturn has been felt more acutely in Michigan, with our high reliance on manufacturing jobs," says GOP Chairman Elisabeth DeVos of Michigan, another swing state.
- **In 2000, *The Detroit Free Press* Reported That DeVos Had Endorsed Governor George W. Bush For President.** Bush's father, former President George Bush, broke the news at the Macomb County Republican Party's Lincoln Dinner 2000. DeVos, who introduced Bush to the audience at the Penna Banquet Center in Sterling Heights, didn't say anything about the endorsement until a short news conference following his speech. DeVos said it was important to get behind a candidate with a record that indicates he'll do the best job. "He has a record second to none," she said while standing next to the former president.
- **In 2000, *The White House Bulletin* Said That After Resigning As Chairman Of The MI State Republican Party, DeVos Might Endorse Senator John McCain's (R-AZ) Presidential Campaign.** There is speculation that DeVos may endorse McCain.
- **In 2000, *The Associated Press* Reported:** In 1998, DeVos called on Democrats to

disavow the gubernatorial candidacy of controversial attorney Geoffrey Fieger. She said the Democratic candidate's comments had "gone well beyond the pale of acceptable political discourse." DeVos has helped the Michigan GOP raise the money and organization it needed to capture control of the state House in 1998. Republicans now hold three of the states four top jobs - governor, lieutenant governor and secretary of state - as well as majorities in both legislative chambers and on the Michigan Supreme Court. She headed Spencer Abraham's successful 1994 U.S. Senate campaign, helping Michigan Republicans claim a U.S. Senate seat for the first time in years. She has been a member of the Republican National Committee since 1992 and has been frequently mentioned as a possible RNC chairman, although she has declined so far to run for the post. DeVos and her husband are fixtures in business and civic circles in Grand Rapids and western Michigan. Besides the couple's ties to Amway, she runs The Windquest Group, a maker of custom storage cabinets and closets. The couple has two sons and two daughters. DeVos first got involved in a presidential campaign while a student at Calvin College, when Grand Rapids favorite Gerald Ford ran in 1976. In 1992, she served on the Bush-Quayle State Steering Committee.

- **In 2000, *The Associated Press* Reported That DeVos Was Resigning As Chairman Of The Republican Party Of Michigan Over Differences With Governor Engler.** Michigan Republican Chairwoman Betsy DeVos resigned from her post today over differences with Gov. John Engler. DeVos and Engler have knocked heads in the past six months, primarily over school vouchers. The chairwoman's husband, Amway Corp. President Dick DeVos, is heading the effort to put a voucher proposal on the November ballot. Betsy DeVos supports vouchers, while Engler opposes them. The two also disagreed over whether Engler should have been consulted before the party announced it would sponsor a Republican presidential debate last month at Calvin College. Engler is running Texas Gov. George W. Bush's Michigan campaign. According to *The Detroit News* (2000): Party insiders say DeVos was also irked by Engler's attempts to micromanage party operations, even attempting to have a say in the awarding of vendor contracts.
- **In 2000, *U.S. News & World Report* Said That DeVos And Her Husband Were Backers Of A Measure For School Vouchers.** In Michigan, where vouchers would be available only to children in failing schools, Richard DeVos Jr., president of the Amway Corp., and his wife, Elisabeth DeVos, the former head of the state Republican Party, are the chief backers of the measure.
- **In 2000, *CNN Morning News* Mentioned DeVos' Comments On The Michigan Republican Primary Battle Between Governor George W. Bush And Senator John McCain (R-AZ).** FLOCK: Now, Michigan, once called a firewall state for

Bush, is seen vulnerable to Arizona Senator John McCain. BETSY DEVOS, MICHIGAN GOP CHMN.: It's clear that he is not going to leave Michigan to anyone else, he's making a very serious effort here, and that's been evidenced in his television advertising buy that just started up this past week.

- **In 2000, *The New York Times* Reported That Governor John Engler (R-MI) Opposed The Voucher Initiative.** Already, a ballot proposal that would legalize the use of state funds for private and parochial schools through a system of vouchers has complicated the Michigan situation for the national Republican ticket. Mr. Engler opposes vouchers, which has split Republican ranks wide open; Elisabeth DeVos, who strongly supports them, resigned as the state party chairman in order to back the campaign for the ballot initiative, which is known as Proposal 1. In 1999, *The Detroit News* Reported: Meanwhile, there's a rare Engler-DeVos tug-of-war within the Michigan GOP. Engler, for example, tried to recruit Republican National Committeeman Chuck Yob to oppose the drive. Betsy DeVos, the Engler-anointed chairwoman of the state GOP and wife of Dick DeVos, sought Yob's support.
- **In 1999, *The Hotline* Reported:** "There is still bad blood between" Gov. John Engler and Co. and MI GOP Chair Betsy DeVos Inc. "this time about presidential politics." On the heels last week of DeVos surprising the pro-George W. Bush Engler with an announcement of a 1/10 presidential debate, DeVos, on 12/1 issued a press release touting John McCain's acceptance of the debate offer. Bush has declined the invitation. In her 12/1 release, the "officially neutral" DeVos wrote that McCain's acceptance was "great news for Republicans across this state." Also last week, "word got out that Joel Hondorp, a former staffer at DeVos' state GOP HQs, would coordinate McCain's statewide campaign in MI from an office located -- "get this -- next door to the headquarters of the Kent County GOP. According to *The Associated Press* (2000): It was easy for Michigan Democratic Chairman Mark Brewer to pick the winner of Monday's debate: Michigan GOP Chairwoman Betsy DeVos, who set up the debate without first checking with Gov. John Engler, a staunch backer of Texas Gov. George W. Bush. Bush at first said he wouldn't participate, then changed his mind last week. Monday's debate was the third in four days for the six-man GOP field. "This (debate) was done by Betsy DeVos to embarrass John Engler, and so far she seems to have the upper hand," Brewer said. DeVos said a no-show by Bush could have hurt him. "That's a possibility," she said, adding she was neutral in the race.
- **In 1999, *The Detroit News* Reported On The Tiff Between Governor Engler (R-MI) And DeVos.** Considering their long friendship, and successful alliance in achieving Republican control of state government, the tiff between Gov. John Engler and Betsy DeVos is quite extraordinary. And a delight to Democrats. The

surprises they have pulled on each other on school vouchers and presidential debates have created tension between Michigan GOP headquarters and the Executive Office. But DeVos, Engler-anointed chairwoman of the Republican State Committee, issued a ringing "call for unity" when the committee met Friday night at Detroit's St. Regis Hotel. Bowing to Engler's wishes, she convinced the committee to table a resolution that was destined to pass endorsing the school voucher ballot initiative that Engler opposes and she supports. "We are a family here," Betsy DeVos told the committee. "Within families there are always debates. The key to maintaining a healthy and thriving family is honest, open communication and respect for one another." On Nov. 11, without consulting or even personally advising her in advance, Engler blind-sided DeVos by announcing that he asked her to: 1) table the endorsement resolution that was heading for certain passage despite Engler's opposition; and 2) serve on a 24-member "Republican Blue Ribbon Committee" to study the ballot initiative. She gamely agreed but said no such committee could "dictate policy" to the GOP committee. She also pointed out that the committee was all-white and lacked anyone from Detroit. Engler invited her to submit some additional names, which she has. Item: Last Tuesday, without consulting or advising Engler, DeVos and Kent County Republicans announced invitations to GOP presidential candidates for a Jan. 10 debate in Grand Rapids to be co-hosted by Calvin College and WOOD-TV. The Michigan primary is Feb. 22. Engler promptly questioned the wisdom of the timing of the debate and expressed doubt that his choice for the nomination, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, would attend. Bush subsequently declined. The strain that the initiative has put on the DeVos-Engler relationship was underscored by a Nov. 12 letter she sent to Engler branding as "patently false ... a rumor" that party resources are being diverted to support the initiative. "I am offended that you or your staff would make such a suggestion, particularly without ever addressing the issue with me directly," wrote DeVos. As noted, the two have a communication problem. But DeVos, in calling for tabling of the voucher resolution, spoke for both in declaring: "It's time now to refocus. We have Republicans to elect!"

According to *Roll Call* (1999): Although the state party's issues committee voted 16-0 in September to support the measure, the governor persuaded state party Chairwoman Betsy DeVos, who favors the initiative, to stop the Michigan GOP from officially voting its support for "Kids First! Yes!" Not surprisingly, there are personal elements in the growing rift between Engler and Chairwoman DeVos. Last summer, DeVos fired MRG, a Michigan-based political consulting firm that had been retained to produce the state party's advertising in the gubernatorial race. That apparently angered Engler, who is close to the firm. Since then, MRG (as well as another Michigan-based polling firm) has produced survey numbers that showed the initiative to be in much worse shape than other polls have reported.

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- **In 1999, *The Detroit News* Reported:** School vouchers will be among issues of the 2000 presidential campaign and this weekend's Republican Leadership Conference, GOP State Chairwoman Betsy DeVos predicted on eve of the Mackinac Island meeting. "Every leading Republican (presidential candidate) seems to be in favor," DeVos said of vouchers in a Thursday interview. "I believe a quality education will be right up top as a (campaign) issue."
- **In 1999, *Time* Reported On The DeVos' Meeting With Governor And Mrs. Bush.** Bush has also spoken to Richard and Elisabeth DeVos, benefactors of a wide range of socially conservative organizations, including the Family Research Council, whose president, Gary Bauer, is on leave to run for President. The Michigan couple flew to Austin for a private dinner with the Governor and his wife. Bush said the blessing and spent the evening talking about his positions and beliefs. The DeVoses went home impressed. "It was clearly an effort not only to inform but to persuade," says Betsy DeVos, who, as chair of the Michigan state G.O.P., can't endorse a primary candidate. Bush knows that some would-be supporters are worried that there may have been an indiscretion during his years as a heavy-drinking party boy that could turn into a 6-in. tabloid headline during the campaign. So Bush assures people like the DeVoses that he never did anything that, if discovered, would disqualify him as a candidate. "The difference between me and Clinton," Bush likes to say, "is that we both made mistakes, but I learned from mine. I grew up."
- **In 1996, *The Orlando Sentinel* (Florida) Did An Article On DeVos And Her Husband Richard.** DeVos' daughter-in-law is considered a leading contender to succeed outgoing Republican National Committee Chairman Haley Barbour. The RNC is to meet Jan. 17 in Washington to elect its new leader and chief national spokesman. Elisabeth "Betsy" DeVos, 38, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has headed the Michigan Republicans since May, and has been the state GOP's national committeewoman since 1992. She is president of The Windquest Group, which markets space-saving storage devices, and is the wife of Magic vice-chairman and Amway Corp. President Dick DeVos, who is Rich DeVos' son. Amway and the DeVos family have been major Republican benefactors. The corporation contributed at least \$330,000 in "soft money" to GOP committees in the most recent election, while family members, including Betsy, kicked in at least another \$100,000 to GOP causes. In 1994, Amway donated \$2.5 million to launch the GOP-TV production company.
- **DeVos Commented On The 1996 Presidential Race In Michigan.** Elisabeth DeVos, the GOP chairman in Michigan, said that she was seeing "a softening of

Mr. Clinton's vote here" and credited Mr. Perot's attacks on the president as "having had an impact. It's definitely drawing some votes for Dole." (*The Washington Times*, 1996).

- **In 1996, *The Denver Post* Mentioned DeVos In An Article On The Controversial Proposition 17 (The Parental Rights Measure) In Colorado.** Members of the organization include Elisabeth DeVos, who is co-chair with Bell. She and her husband, Richard, run the "Dick and Betty" DeVos foundation out of Grand Rapids, Mich. They have often given to both Focus on the Family of Colorado Springs and GOPAC. Richard DeVos heads the Amway corporation.
- **DeVos Has Contributed To Bush-Cheney 04, Bush-Quayle 92, President George H.W. Bush's 1988 Campaign, The Michigan Republican Party, Senators Dan Coats (R-IN), Spencer Abraham (R-MI), John Ashcroft (R-MO), Gordon Smith (R-OR) And John Ensign (R-NV).**

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- **DeVos Was Named A Debtor In A Michigan UCC Filing.**
- **The Elisabeth D. DeVos Annuity Trust Has Been Named A Debtor In Four Michigan UCC Filings.**
- **In 1998, *The Washington Times* Reported That DeVos Was A Potential Candidate For Chairman Of The Republican National Committee But That She Had Angered Religious Conservatives.** The Michigan GOP chairman, Elisabeth DeVos, is another potential candidate, but she angered religious conservatives by speaking out against a resolution that would have barred the RNC from financially supporting GOP candidates who do not support bans on partial-birth abortions. A spokesman for Mrs. DeVos said yesterday that her stated intention was to run for a second term as Michigan GOP chairman Feb. 6, but she "has not ruled out anything."