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## **The Battle Over School Choice**

Over the course of six months during my research on the debate over school choice, I was able to chronicle and capture the lives of one Brooklyn family who have been caught in the crosshairs in the traditional public school and charter school divide. While deeply rooted tension has permeated through households to the steps of City Hall on the state of school reform—education leaders believe the interest of children are being put last.

For 219 West TV Magazine January show, two guests were scheduled to appear to discuss the how charter school autonomy has led to strict disciplinary school policies that have resulted in suspension, and sometimes expellment of children with special needs and behavioral issues. However, due to conflicts, the interviews were cancelled.

I conducted interviews with a charter school principal, education activist, and a former chancellor for the New York Department of Education. Amid the academic competition between charter and traditional public schools, children are being forgotten. And the ongoing debate is leading families to waging a legal battle over school choice.

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