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Obama's
secret plan for
compulsory madrasas

NCLB Reauthorization to Include Waterboarding

Education Secretary Margaret Spellings announced on Tuesday that the reauthorization bill for the No Child Left Behind Act would confront the looming problem of how to address schools that fail to make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for seven years in a row. The current version of NCLB requires that a school failing to make AYP for six years must restructure, with four specific options identified: replacing the principal and the entire staff, reopening as a charter school, contracting with a private school management company, or a state takeover.

The proposal for reauthorization looks to the following year, requiring that the teachers and students of a school failing to make AYP for seven consecutive years be subjected to "alternative motivation techniques" (AMTs).

At Tuesday's press conference, Spellings acknowledged that the preferred AMT, and at this point the only one that would be approved by her Department, was waterboarding. But Spellings revealed that she's also exploring the

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Editorial: Funding Only Encourages Them

With public education quickly becoming a relic of the past, the continued funding of public schools is causing many students, parents and teachers to complacently stay within that dying system. Can't they read the writing on the wall? These dead-enders remind us of hapless polar bears clinging to a fast-melting iceberg. It's time to end this farce and send the money back to taxpayers so that they can build up their private school savings accounts.

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New Study Links Teacher Unions with Satan

Confirming what many observers have long suspected, a leading think tank has shown that the devil is covertly in control of the nation's major teacher unions. "This fully explains why they oppose vouchers and merit pay. It's well-known that the Prince of Darkness has long held such policies in disfavor," says Chestnut Gill, author of the study.

Although this reporter was not permitted to see the method of proof used in the study, readers should take Gill's word for it - just like we always do.

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Lucifer, shown here with tortured souls, circa 1688, prior to his involvement with teacher unions

Voucher Student Saved from Certain Death

Eleven year old Jorge Mendoza escaped a violent death when his family accepted a school voucher this past August. Using the voucher, the Washington DC student now attends Mt. Pleasant Christian Academy. Without the voucher, he would have attended Charles Manson Middle School, where certain death - or at least a very low test score - awaits all who enter.

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