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### **PAR proposes goals for N.O. school takeover**

Removing New Orleans public schools from local control may not be a panacea, but the governor's proposal for expanding state takeover would clear the path for reform, a think tank said Wednesday.

However, it is essential that a comprehensive plan be developed to include specific management strategies and high standards for academic performance, says the Public Affairs Research Council.

The Legislature appears poised to pass legislation allowing the state to take over at least most of the troubled district's schools, which have been closed since Hurricane Katrina struck the state.

### **PAR says the plan for New Orleans schools must:**

- Promote innovation in teaching students.
- Establish administrative accountability.
- Set criteria for selecting charter organizations that will run the schools.
- Encourage community involvement in the schools.
- Include standards for sustaining successful reforms after the schools are returned.

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