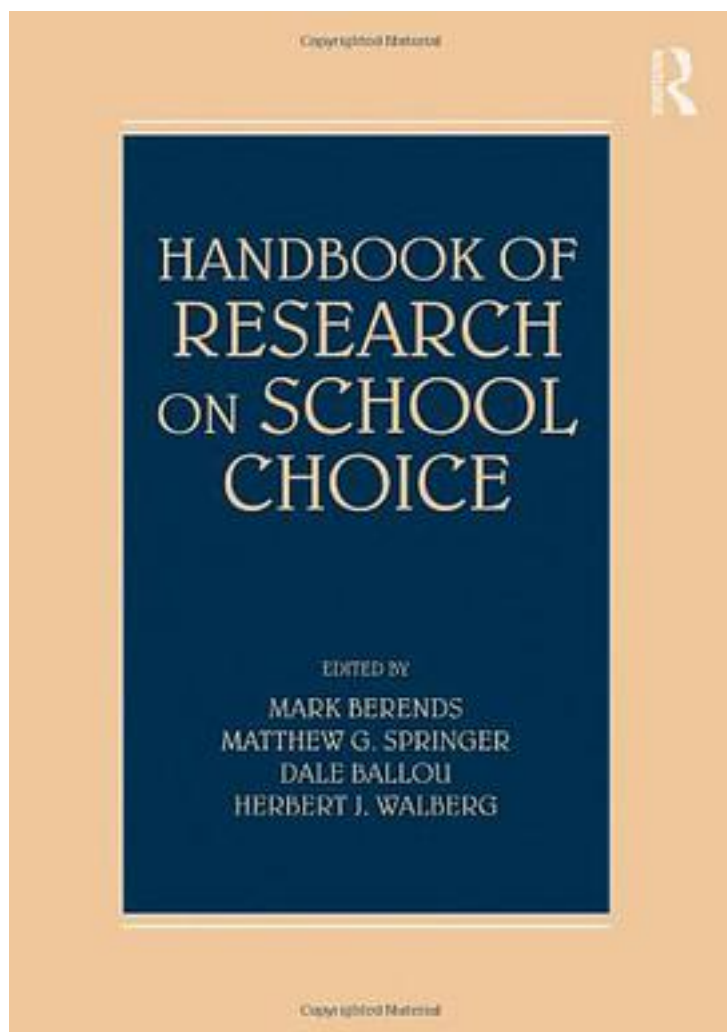


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Since the early 1990s, when the nation's first charter school was opened in

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