



## KEEP TAXPAYER MONEY FOR TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS — KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS

*Education Savings Accounts, tax credits, parent-directed tuition funds... call them what you want, they are vouchers and vouchers will take funding from our public schools.*

Private school vouchers will DRAIN money from public schools despite the fact they do not cover the full cost of attending private schools.

Private School Vouchers will strengthen big government bureaucracy by creating education assistance organizations (EAOs) to manage the voucher transactions at a cost.

There is no regulation or follow up on where the voucher money goes and third-party vendors will take advantage of this.

- Parents in Arizona have reported using hard-earned taxpayer dollars to subsidize purchases like kayaks, trampolines, cowboy roping lessons, and trips to water parks.
- In Milwaukee, 41% of private voucher schools operating between 1991 and 2015 FAILED.

Vouchers are anti-parent and anti-student. They are not required to serve students with disabilities and they are certainly not required to provide parents crucial information regarding curriculum, health services, or disciplinary practices.

Special Education students will have no guarantee they would receive services like an individual education plan, access to certified teachers, and inclusion in the regular classroom. Private schools can also deny or unenroll students for ANY reason, including children with disabilities.

Fifty percent of Texas school districts are small or rural, meaning the harmful effect of vouchers can spread like wildfire across the state by forcing them to pay into a voucher program made primarily for urban students.

Vouchers will abandon vulnerable students in increasingly underserved public schools. The truth of the matter is that there is nothing a private school can do to improve student outcomes that public schools couldn't do if they were adequately and fully funded.



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