

Public Education Funding

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To the School Finance Board

Public, taxpayer dollars for public education must stay in public schools

I Oppose any changes to the Colorado School Finance Act or public school funding in Colorado that would use public, taxpayer dollars for vouchers, tax credits, or Education Savings Accounts

Our tax dollars are for the good of all students who attend public schools. Private schools have the right to their own funds in the form of whatever tuition they choose to charge.

Growing up my parents chose to send my four siblings and I to a private Catholic school from 1st to 8th grade. They paid our tuition and didn't have any expectations that public tax dollars would go to pay our tuition at this private school. For high school they chose a public high school for us to attend. That public education was invaluable and got us where we needed to be to attend college and we all have earned college degrees.

Today my siblings and I have chosen public schools for our children. We have seen that our public schools are the greatest gift to all students. This has shown us that our tax dollars should never be used to fund private schools in any way. We gladly support our public schools through paying taxes for the greater good of all students. We only wish that all public schools be funded equally and have the same resources as the public schools in more affluent neighborhoods. Our tax dollars should be use to fund our public schools adequately and equitably across the state. That is the only thing you should be working on is to make funding equitable in all public schools across Colorado.

Please stop any form of vouchers in Colorado and support our public schools!

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Falcon
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no to school vouchers

deGruy Geri imap

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01/07/2018 02:40 PM

I am writing to oppose any changes to the Colorado School Finance Act or public school funding in CO that would use public, taxpayer dollars for vouchers, tax credits, or Education Savings Accounts.

Thank you,

Geri deGruy

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no to vouchers

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I'm writing to express my disagreement with vouchers for schools.

Thank you.

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No to School Vouchers

Chery Bradley

to:SchoolFinance.ga
01/07/2018 10:25 AM

I'm a 35 year public school teacher and strongly oppose any measures to give scare public school funding to private schools. Public funds should be used for public schools not for rich people's children to go to private institutions.

Chery

Chery and Craig Bradley

Ridgway, CO

Stop ANY form of vouchers in Colorado

Carol MARCH

to:SchoolFinance.ga@state.co.us
01/07/2018 04:29 AM

Public, taxpayer dollars for public education must stay in public schools

Oppose any changes to the Colorado School Finance Act or public school funding in Colorado that would use public, taxpayer dollars for vouchers, tax credits, or Education Savings Accounts

Fund our public schools adequately and equitably

Carol March

A Great Public School in Every Neighborhood

Stop Vouchers in Colorado

SKIP KOEBBEMAN

to:SchoolFinance.ga
01/06/2018 05:21 PM

Our public schools deserve to be properly funded with taxpayer dollars. I strongly oppose using tax dollars for tax credits, vouchers or Education Savings Accounts. I will be there to testify in person at the hearing on January 9th.

Susan Permut

Monument, Colorado

Public Education and financing

Becky Jay

to:SchoolFinance.ga
01/06/2018 05:17 PM

Please do not threaten what money goes to support public education in this state. We should do MORE, not less!

As a past school board member and presently a public school teacher, I know how important it is to keep public tax dollars supporting public education. Most students cannot attend private schools, either because their families cannot afford private schools or they do not live where there is even that option! Public schools have and continue to educate our country: our doctors, our nurses, our counselors, our scientists, our attorneys, our teachers, our state legislators--and we need an educated populace to continue our democracy.

Any changes to the Colorado School Finance Act that diminishes funding for public schools in our state would be wrongheaded and morally wrong! Allowing public tax funds to be used for vouchers for private and/or religious schools goes against our national and state constitutions. Other plans to waylay public funds for tax credits or education savings accounts are also an anathema to free and open education that has been the hallmark of the growth of education and opportunity in our country..

The only changes we should be discussing are ways to make sure **all** students in Colorado have access to good schools, good teachers and adequately funded safe public schools.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Jaffer Jay

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Loveland, CO 80537

Colorado School Finance Act

kathy boyer

to:SchoolFinance.ga
01/06/2018 12:41 PM

Public schools in Colorado are woefully underfunded. Teachers are underpaid, and parents are expected to pay hundreds of dollars in fees for things like books and technology, that should be included as necessary parts of public education in 2017. Public schools in Colorado cannot afford to lose a single dollar.

As a taxpayer and parent of two public school students, I oppose any changes to the Colorado School Finance Act or public school funding in Colorado that would use public, taxpayer dollars for vouchers, tax credits, or Education Savings Accounts. Public tax dollars must stay in the public schools.

Kathleen Boyer

Highlands Ranch

Our public schools need better funding

Kelly Pointer

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01/06/2018 12:20 PM

Colorado School Finance Interim Committee members:

I am a parent with children in Littleton Public Schools, as well as Douglas County Public Schools. I appreciate all of the work that you have done and I have reviewed your most recent presentation. I am also aware of your public hearing on 1/9/18.

I would like to ask that you address the fact that Colorado schools are very underfunded compared to other states. Any initiative that takes away from students and our schools, such as Educational Savings Accounts and school reforms, is simply not acceptable.

Public tax dollars should stay in public education, especially since per pupil revenue is already so underfunded/low. I oppose any changes to the Colorado School Finance Act or public school funding in Colorado that would use public, taxpayer dollars for vouchers, tax credits, or Education Savings Accounts (ESAs).

Please fund our public schools adequately and equitably. Strong, well-funded public schools benefit everyone.

Thank you,

Kelly Pointer

Vouchers

Bob Husson

to:SchoolFinance.ga@state.co.us

01/06/2018 12:04 PM

Please be advised that public funded vouchers for private or religious educational facilities do not belong in our public education system.

Robert Husson

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No Vouchers

Michelle

to:schoolfinance.ga

01/06/2018 11:58 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose any changes to the Colorado School Finance Act or public school funding in Colorado that would use public, taxpayer dollars for vouchers, tax credits, or Education Savings Accounts.

Thank you for your time,

Michelle Leuenberger

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Sent from my iPad

Vouchers

Sheila Schmidt

to:SchoolFinance.ga
01/06/2018 11:37 AM

Please vote down vouchers!!! Because of tabor we don't sufficiently support education anyway. We can't afford to attack public education anymore!!!

Sent from my iPad

adequately support public education

SEAN BURKE

to:SchoolFinance.ga
01/05/2018 01:14 PM

Dear Colorado School Finance Interim Committee:

Please adequately support public education in our great state of Colorado.

As you know, our Colorado public education system is dramatically under-funded. We are losing many great Teachers and Administrators due to underfunding. Many of our educators can no longer afford to live in the school districts where they teach due to significantly lower than average salaries. Reflecting on where our students spend their time during the daytime, our kids spend as much or more hours in a day with Teachers than they do with their families.

Three key points:

1. Public, taxpayer dollars for public education must stay in public schools.
2. I oppose any changes to the Colorado School Finance Act or public school funding in Colorado that would use public, taxpayer dollars for vouchers, tax credits, or Education Savings Accounts.
3. Please fund our public schools adequately and equitably.

If you would like to contact me to discuss this topic or if you need clarification, I can be reached at burke_usa@comcast.net or 303-378-8394.

Regards,

Sean

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Adequately fund our schools.

ali van vooren

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01/05/2018 12:32 PM

Please respond to ali van vooren

To whom it may concern-

For the record, I oppose any changes to the CO School Finance Act that take public tax dollars and put them towards vouchers, tax credits, or Education Savings Accounts.

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Fund our public schools adequately and equitably.

Alison Van Vooren Lasell

School Vouchers in Colorado

Dianne Bailey

to:SchoolFinance.ga
01/05/2018 09:19 AM

Colorado School Finance Interim Committee

Please DO NOT make School Vouchers, or any related feature like tax-credits or education savings accounts that will allow tax dollars to be diverted to any religious-based schools (money going to corporation-based schools is also a threat), an ongoing issue in Colorado. We (those who recognize the real value of PUBLIC EDUCATION) will fight it. This means a continual spending of good taxpayer dollars on BOTH sides of the issue, *forever...* Dollars that could go towards better things, like college education.

Personally, I am against giving taxpayer dollars even to Charter Schools, but Colorado has adopted them as a part of the "public school system."

However, giving public funds to Charter Schools is not nearly as caustic as giving public money to religious-based schools. That simply goes against the principle in our founding Constitution regarding the separation of church and state.

The breakdown of the line between Church and State in this country began with what appeared to many as an innocent change in the Pledge of Alliance, when "under God" was added to the Pledge in 1954. A Pledge that is recited in Public Schools every day.

So if the Interim Finance Committee opens the door even a crack to Public Funding of religious schools, the state government will be in court over that issue until it is repealed.

Therefore, be sure to include legal costs in the analysis for the approval of any such policy.

PS - Yes, it is the responsibility of ALL Colorado residents to educate our children via a PUBLIC SCHOOL system. It is also the right of every parent to choose to send their children to a private school when they feel that the private school offers a better curriculum, or better moral teachings, or is safer. However, PUBLIC SCHOOLS will always outshine any private school with proper funding and the great teachers that public schools attract. Undermining PUBLIC SCHOOLS, undermines us all.

Dianne Bailey

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school financing

Kathy Dorman

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01/05/2018 08:54 AM

Good morning

As a Colorado tax payer and teacher in Douglas County I am greatly concerned about funding for our public schools. Public dollars should stay at public schools. Do not set up a system to provide money for private school education. Colorado needs to find a way to send more dollars to our public schools. It is criminal that our state funding is below the national average. Education is a fundamental human right. We must do better to support our public schools,

Thank you

Katherine S Dorman
Science teacher since 1984
Ponderosa High School

Fund public schools fully

Gail Kramer

to:SchoolFinance.ga
01/05/2018 08:17 AM

As a retired public school teacher, parent, and voting citizen, I strongly advocate that taxpayer dollars for public education must stay in public schools. I respectfully insist that you oppose any changes to the Colorado School Finance Act or public school funding in Colorado that would use public, taxpayer dollars for vouchers, tax credits, or Education Savings Accounts and that you fund our public schools adequately and equitably.

Sincerely,

Gail Kramer

Littleton, CO 80128

Colorado School Finance Act

Selma Kristel

to:SchoolFinance.ga
01/04/2018 09:16 PM

Although I have no children of my own I am an enthusiastic supporter of public education. I feel very strongly that funding for public education needs to stay in public schools and that public schools need to be funded adequately and equitably. Public schools that are adequately funded create opportunities for all pupils.

I am a product of a poor German immigrant family, Catholic elementary school and public high school. My taxpaying parents made the choice to send their three daughters to private Catholic elementary school and paid the tuition without any expectation of getting reimbursed by taxpayers. I do not understand the entitlement mentality taking hold among certain parents today that because they choose to send their children to private schools they have a right to tax money to fund such a choice. I have been grateful my entire life for the quality public education I received when our public schools were well funded. I want current and future generations of students to have the same opportunities.

When I hear the term 'student-centered funding' I see a backdoor means of diverting precious taxpayer

dollars from public education for all to a select few who have chosen private schools. There is no difference between that and backpack funding, vouchers, or Education Savings Accounts. These all take money away from public education. This we cannot do if we want to invest wisely in the future of our state and country.

--Selma Kristel,

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Vouchers

Judy Lawson

to:SchoolFinance.ga

01/04/2018 08:57 PM

I am writing to let you know that I believe school vouchers are a threat to our public educational system. I live in Douglas County, and we have finally been able to clear the Board of the special-interest members we've had for much too long. We're very glad that we can now get back to the business of educating children, rather than have the political mess we endured.

I firmly believe that a public education is the backbone of our country, and our tax money should stay within the public schools. Giving it out to various private schools only weakens our public schools.

I hope that you will agree with that and act accordingly in favor of public schools.

Judy Lawson

Parker CO 80134

public education

Jim Cloud

to:SchoolFinance.ga

01/04/2018 03:06 PM

please consider the detriment to our students and families by use of vouchers. tax money does not belong in private hands and there is already too much cross over in private/public and religious matters. Give everyone a great chance. fund schools and teacher salaries appropriately, no vouchers, and public schools - that's the way to go to benefit everyone.

And when did it become a good idea to subsidize the cost of private tuition for the families who can already afford and intended to send their kids to private schools? Don't use my tax dollars to make it cheaper for them when I can't afford to send a kid to a private school even if I got a voucher.

from the husband of a former (hard working, undervalued and underpaid) educator, and someone who cares for all students,

Jim Cloud

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Public education

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to:SchoolFinance.ga

01/04/2018 02:57 PM

I oppose any changes to the Colorado School Finance Act or public school funding in Colorado that would use public, taxpayer dollars for vouchers, tax credits, or Education Savings Accounts.

Taxpayer dollars for public education must stay in public schools and we must fund our public schools adequately and equitably!

Charlotte Jonas
Pueblo