

PROPOSALS FOR LANGUAGE CHANGE IN SCHOOL VOUCHER GOP POLICY
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Given that no less than Charlotte Iserbyt has warned that “school choice” aka **vouchers** is actually a trap to make a communist takeover of private education; given that it appears to be passing, and given that Democrats *are already pressing to include “strings”* aka “accountability,” let’s at least be careful with the wording and reduce the speed of demise.

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Citations: Rumble, Liberty Sentinel with Alex Newman, 3/6/24
<https://rumble.com/v4hmzrq-charlotte-iserbyt-on-killing-america-via-education.html>

also: <https://deliberatedumbingdown.com/ddd/>

and given other conservative voices that warn against it, including AZ then Superintendent of Education see: ***Shekels for Shackles***. Ed. by Capy. Ray Moore Free booklet
<https://christedu.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Vouchers-Shekels-for-Shackles-Complete.pdf>

1. Whereas our rights come from God (not laws or people), given that the Texas Constitution specifically acknowledges the right of parents to privately educate their children, and given that Leeper recognized that right, mentioning a right to homeschool or private school in a law is dangerous because it shifts the right to a legal enactment which can then be changed.

Be it resolved that we strike the language about rights to privately educate from any legal enactment.

2. Whereas even the choice between government schools is not in practice actually permitted now because permission is normally not given, I move an insertion that as a first step, parents may choose between and among government schools freely, assuming parents provide for transportation beyond the existing system of school bus stops if needed.

As a first step, parents may freely choose which government schools in which to enroll their students.

3. Whereas students with special needs are almost always unable to find the help they need to *overcome* their problems in any school, and given that the cost of hiring medical professionals to help is exorbitant and often not covered under medical insurance, even should a family have it,

If money follows the student, then monies for special education should also follow that individual student.

4. Whereas we already have some choice, I propose as a second step, charter schools be funded at least at the level per student that other government schools are. And given that schools such as Founders have long waiting lists, I propose that an unlimited number of charter schools be permitted.

There should be no a priori limit to the number of charter schools permitted.

5. Whereas some of the charter schools we already have very much outperform government schools both academically and behaviorally (Carol Sommer *Character Under Attack*) and in workforce outcomes (as an example Life School out of Red Oak) and given that some charter schools promote other religious views (as an example Harmony Science Academy), I move that charter schools be fully permitted to name Jesus and read the Bible in the school, and in other ways not have their First Amendment rights regarding The Christian religion abridged.

Christian charter schools must not be abridged in their First Amendment Rights of the practice and application of religion.

6. Whereas any monies that go into state coffers will have administrative costs withdrawn before any distribution is possible,
And given that the government will reasonably affix regulations/accountability to any disbursements
And given that we are not contemplating a full voucher system, where there are no government schools and all gathered monies are distributed equally between all children's families to find whatever school of any kind they wish,

I move that we provide property tax reductions to families who privately educate, while they are privately educating.

7. Whereas we Texans spend approximately \$15,000 per student and private schools not only tend to cost less, due to lower overhead, homeschool expenditures do not consider the lost wages of parents who stay out of the workforce in order to teach.

Further given that decades of public outcry for increased rigor, and has been met with ever lower aimed tests, (James Popham *the Truth About Testing*) ever impoverished curricula teaching at those ever-lowered tests, while predictably the US remains at the bottom of the higher income countries for academic achievement, given that our graduates very often need remediation before proceeding even at the community college level (which is why the TSI exam was mandated),

and given that high school graduates are often not prepared to participate well in the workforce, and given that administrative and lending costs have continued to rise,

I move that we close government schools, as such, distribute to each family a share for each child mathematically equal to total school revenue divided by number of students, in order for parents to choose whatever school or educational method they find best, with or without state accreditation.