

# The Truth About Let MI Kids Learn

## *A DeVos-backed ballot proposal that threatens public education across Michigan*

Michiganders want our public schools to be places where all students can learn, be nurtured, and gain the skills they need to thrive in the future. But right now, our schools are dealing with a teacher shortage and a need for more mental health services. **Our schools need more funding, not less.**

### **About Let MI Kids Learn:**

Let MI Kids Learn is a DeVos-backed voucher proposal that would pull hundreds of millions of dollars away from our public schools during a historic teacher shortage.

The DeVos family has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the effort. This initiative would divert hundreds of millions in tax revenue away from public schools – funds desperately needed to meet the needs of the 90% of Michigan students who attend public schools.

The amount of money taken away from public schools would increase every year by 20 percent, meaning after five years, up to \$1 billion could be taken away from public schools across Michigan.

The money taken from schools would be funneled into a fund for vouchers for students that could then be taken to private schools, meaning our public tax dollars would be financing private, unaccountable private and charter schools.

Under the proposal, the fund would be built up by donations from people and corporations, who would then get a big tax break, which is how the money is taken away from public schools.

The people of Michigan will not be able to vote on this proposal. Backers plan to ram it through the legislature, avoiding a vote of the people and circumventing the checks and balances of state government. This is a DeVos attempt to essentially buy a piece of legislation.

Voucher schemes like this one have been routinely rejected by Michiganders because they're unconstitutional and take critical resources away from our public schools. Public money should be used to support public schools that are open to all, not private institutions that are able to pick and choose their students.



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