

About the Process

Understanding how the Let MI Kids Learn proposal came to be and how it could be forced into law without a vote of the people.

What is happening?

On February 7, Betsy DeVos launched the Let MI Kids Learn ballot initiative, a voucher-like proposal that will divert hundreds of millions of dollars away from public schools while giving a huge tax break to the wealthy.

The initiative is in two parts that will require signatures: one which creates the vouchers and the other creates the tax breaks to fund them.

The policies outlined in the proposals mirror legislation that was justifiably vetoed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in November 2021.

While ballot initiatives usually go before the people of Michigan for a vote, the goal of this initiative is for the Republican-led legislature to vote it into law themselves, avoiding both a vote of the people and the checks and balances of state government.

The proposal has already been approved by the Board of State Canvassers and needs roughly 340,000 signatures for it to go before the legislature for a vote later this year.

Timeline of Events

Early November 2021: Gov. Whitmer vetoed voucher-style education bills and Let MI Kids Learn is announced

November 29, 2021: Board of State Canvassers approved language of petition

February 7, 2022: Let MI Kids Learn is officially launched

February-May, 2022: Signature gathering window

June 1, 2022: Likely deadline for signatures to be turned in and verified by the Board of State Canvassers for the legislature to vote on it this year



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