



## About the DeVos-Backed “Let MI Kids Learn” Voucher Proposal

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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. If passed, after five years, up to \$1 billion could be taken away from public schools across Michigan.

The public money taken from public schools would go into a fund for vouchers 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.

### Important Update on the Proposal

The voucher campaign has submitted signatures to the Bureau of Elections in the form of two ballot proposals. These proposals **will not** appear on the 2022 ballot because the Board of State Canvassers has not yet determined if they have enough signatures to move forward.

The organizers of the effort never planned on having this proposal go before the voters in November. Their plan was to have the legislature pass it without a vote of the people. **That could still happen in 2023.** It's possible it could happen this year, but it's unlikely.

If the Board of State Canvassers determines the proposals have collected enough signatures, the legislature could pass it with a simple majority, which would mean the governor would not have the opportunity to veto it and the people would never be able to vote on it. If it goes before the legislature in 2023 and they **do not** pass it, it will then go to the 2024 ballot.

### What You Can Do

We may not see many news stories or updates on this proposal for a few months, but there's still important work to be done to stop this proposal. The best thing you can do **right now** is talk to candidates who are running for office:

- Ask them if they support the DeVos-backed voucher proposal known as “Let MI Kids Learn”
- If they are running for school board, ask them if they'd support a resolution opposing the voucher effort
- If they are running for Michigan House or Senate, ask them if they'd vote NO on the Let MI Kids Learn proposal if it does reach their desk
- If they're running for Congress or statewide office, ask them if they'd use their voice and their position to protect public education and push back against voucher efforts to defund our public schools