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Protect Missouri's Educational Freedom

In accordance with the Missouri Republican Party Platform:

- **WHEREAS**, WE BELIEVE government governs best when it governs least.
- **WHEREAS**, Vouchers, Empowerment Scholarship Accounts, Educational Savings Accounts (as government funded), etc. EXPAND the hand of government over the people.
- **WHEREAS**, WE BELIEVE United States law and/or the laws of the individual states shall not be subservient to the laws, religious regulations, and/or cultural moves of the united nations, and/or any other county or countries.
- **WHEREAS**, Vouchers, Empowerment Scholarship Accounts, Educational Savings Accounts (as government funded), etc. are inherently a goal of the United Nations and the World Economic Forum as is evidence by the Global Education Monitoring Report, the Sustainability Goals, and the Schools of the Future Report.
- **WHEREAS**, WE COMMEND the efforts of elected Republican officials at the state level. We encourage their continued efforts to balance the budget and reverse the trend towards socialism and high taxes that pay for it.
- **WHEREAS**, Vouchers, Empowerment Scholarship Accounts, Educational Savings Accounts (as government funded), etc. EXPAND the trend toward socialism and its redistribution of wealth.
- **WHEREAS**, OUR GOALS remain unthwarted in eliminating the Department of Education and rejecting all efforts to establish a national curriculum, thereby, retaining control of schools at a local level.
- **WHEREAS**, Vouchers, Empowerment Scholarship Accounts, Educational Savings Accounts (as government funded), etc. establish a pre-approved curriculum and vendor selection and place the Department of Education on an Empowerment Scholarship Account School Board.
- **WHEREAS**, WE BELIEVE in the right of parental refusal to student data collection and full disclosure to parents about the collection of storage, and use of their children's data for those parents who permit it.

- **WHEREAS**, Vouchers, Empowerment Scholarship Accounts, Educational Savings Accounts (as government funded), etc. utilize digital wallets to distribute funds, establishing a gross violation of parental rights and data privacy. Digital wallets use blockchain technology to store data profiles in conjunction with ESG (Environmental Social and Governance) Criteria.
- **WHEREAS**, WE SUPPORT transparency for lobbyists, elected officials, and key legislative and executive staff with regards to campaign finance disclosures.
- **WHEREAS**, the vast majority of the lobbying being done for Vouchers, Empowerment Scholarship Accounts, Educational Savings Accounts (as government funded), etc. is majority funded by three players and does not adequately reflect the views and insights of WE THE PEOPLE.
- **WHEREAS**, WE BELIEVE it is the fundamental right of parents to raise their children according to the convictions of their family and faith, to be the primary authority to determine and direct the nurturing, health care, education, guidance, discipline and moral upbringing of their children, including the ability to homeschool or send children to faith-based schools FREE of burdensome government regulations.
- **WHEREAS**, Vouchers, Empowerment Scholarship Accounts, Educational Savings Accounts (as government funded), etc. inherently ADD REGULATIONS such as background checks, standardized testing, and copious amounts of paperwork.
- **WHEREAS**, WE BELIEVE parents know their children best and are endowed by their Creator their right to make the best educational decisions for their children without government funding or involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Grassroots of Missouri

- **REJECT** any effort by the legislators to expand or initiate any Vouchers, Empowerment Scholarship Accounts, Educational Savings Accounts (as government funded), etc.
- **REJECT** government funded, and therefore controlled, private and homeschools.
- **REJECT** any effort by the legislators to lower the compulsory attendance age of seven years old for children enrolled in public, private, parochial, parish school, or that homeschool in accordance to RSMO 167.031.
- **SUPPORT** the educational sovereignty and freedom of private and home education.



- WE, The Grassroots of Missouri



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Lake Christian Academy

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Missouri Precinct Project

Represents thousands of families in Missouri of all educational sectors



Burnt District Republicans

Represents hundreds of families in West Central Missouri of all educational sectors



Operation Take Back America - Missouri

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