



Public Education is a Win for Children, Parents, Communities, & Candidates

Supporting public Education is a winning issue! Voters overwhelmingly support public education for all. A Chesapeake Bay Consulting survey in 2020 showed 80% favorable rating for local teachers, 72% for local schools, and even 58% for local school boards.¹

1 Virginia's public schools provide a world class education but need better resources.

Despite underfunding by the state, aging buildings, and staff caps, before the pandemic Virginia schools consistently ranked in the top 5-10 in the nation on many ranking scales. A recent CNBC ranking rated Virginia's K-12 schools first in the nation.²

2 Virginia public schools are high quality, equitable, stable, and responsible school choice.

Charter schools, called Lab Schools by Virginia's current administration, are funded by taxpayers, but siphon money from local schools. A study on charter budget effects in Nashville calculated \$300 million in losses over five years. In Los Angeles the lost funding was \$591 million. They are also unstable; in DC 44 charters had to be closed in the last decade.³

Sources:

1. Gallup, August 26, 2021 "K-12 Parents Remain Largely Satisfied With Child's Education".
2. CNBC.com, July 11 "America's Top States for Business 2023: The full rankings".
3. DC Public Charter School Board website: dcpcs.org/charter-school-growth-and-closures
4. Ideastream.org, June 5, 2023 "School vouchers now going to more wealthy, private school students, study says".

3 Locally managed public schools build stronger communities.

They provide access to quality education for all, including varied cultural heritages, varied economic status and identities, and diverse abilities.

Vouchers, or Education Savings Accounts, are funded by taxpayers, but provide mostly subsidies for wealthy families who can already afford private schools. They drain resources from the local schools and break the shared connections of community. A study from Ohio shows vouchers go to more affluent families already attending private schools.⁴

4 Parents' Rights and Children's Rights are best protected through public schools.

Parents are integral to their child's education and public schools are expected and required to respond to parent concerns and rights. Most schools in Virginia are required to respond to any parent concern within 24 hours. There are extensive organizations, committees, and outreach systems to provide parents the chance to exercise those rights. These rights do not extend to harming other students and damaging public education.



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