

*What is School Choice? - Conservative politicians are championing a program that is the very epitome of government overreach. This is the opposite of Freedom and small government.

*Real School Choice – We already have "school choice ". Parents have the option to send their children to public or private schools, or they may opt to home-school them.

*Government School choice is a marketing term.

***Government School Choice**-Government School choice is government funding allocated to families to spend on education. These programs always result in government oversight, regulations and mandates as has been proven in states that have already adopted these initiatives.

*The bottom line is, "What the government funds, it runs." Money never comes without strings.

***Public School Equivalency:** Participating in the government school choice program means the requirements of EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) page 17, which killed choice of education, must be instituted. "All education must be aligned to the same post-secondary readiness standards as laid out in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

***Homeschooling in TN:** The majority of homeschoolers in TN are registered with Category IV schools. We know and understand the strings attached to school choice. We are opposed to all school choice legislation.

*Globalization of Education: We know and understand that the agenda behind government school choice including ESAs, vouchers and tax credits is to globalize education. We know and understand that these initiatives will lead to the destruction of true private education by making ALL FORMS of education government controlled.

* We believe that it is a God given, Constitutional right to educate our children as we see fit, free from government oversight, regulations and mandates. As our elected public servants, your responsibility is to uphold and protect these rights.

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