# Bringing School Choice to Oregon Families: Your Money. Your Child. Your Choice.



#### School Choice Ballot Measures

Thank you for joining the effort to bring school choice to Oregon!

We have two ballot measures that will bring that choice to our state and our parents, to the benefit of our children.

The **Open Enrollment** ballot measure allows students in any district in the state to attend any public school in the state of Oregon.

The **School Choice** ballot measure allows any student to opt-in to a school choice account that can help pay for educational resources in a non-public school.

Please visit our website <u>www.EducationFreedomforOregon.com</u> to learn more!

#### **BUST-A-MYTH**

"Government money always comes with strings attached."

This gem pops up in conversations quite often, especially on social media. Let's dissect that statement. What exactly is "government money?" We go to work, we earn money. Before those earnings even hit our bank accounts, the tax dollars get siphoned off to our local, state, and federal tax collectors. YOU earned that money, and YOU should have a say in where it is spent, how it is spent, and when it is spent. Especially when it comes to your children's education!

OK so now that we have switched our mindset to "We the People's money" let's go after the "strings attached" part of the myth. There are many government programs that disperse money and there are no rules telling recipients how to spend it: social security (again - you paid into that fund - it's YOUR money!), food stamps (no one tells you where to buy food or what food to buy), Medicare, Medicaid, Section 8... And what about publicly funded safety dollars? Would a fire department say they will not put out a fire at a church or private school? Of course not. Pell grants can be used for any college, public or private. In short: publicly funded programs absolutely do not always come with regulations.

When it comes to schools, the Supreme Court just ruled that public education dollars may fund religious schools (Carson v. Makin). Rest assured, our school choice ballot measures have many layers of protection against government regulation to ensure families who participate in school choice accounts will not have to deal with "strings." One of those protections specifically states once the education dollars are deposited into the parent's education savings account, they are no longer public funds.



Check out our Protections page for more information! Fund the student - not the system.



#### How Can You Help?

We would love your help with gathering signatures on our two 2022 petitions for this phase one! We need to collect about 2000 signatures on EACH petition. We would like to collect all the signatures by July 15, 2022.

Here are the documents you will need to collect signatures for both petitions (Open Enrollment for public/charter schools and School Choice for private/homeschool): They are numbered for your convenience.

1. <u>Summary of the two Amendments</u>

#### Open Enrollment Petition - 10-liner

- 2. Open Enrollment Amendment (keep a copy with you for petition signers to read)
- 3. <u>Open Enrollment 10 Liner front</u> (Petition ID #5 in the upper right corner) (use to gather multiple signatures)
- 4. Open Enrollment 10 Liner back (copy onto Open Enrollment 10 Liner)

#### School Choice Petition - 10-liner

- 5. School Choice Amendment
- 6. <u>School Choice 10 Liner front</u> (Petition ID #6 in the upper right corner)
- 7. <u>School Choice 10 Liner back</u> (copy onto School Choice 10 Liner)

#### Single Signers:

- 8. Open Enrollment Single Signer E Sheet (for someone that just wants to sign for him/herself)
- 9. School Choice Single Signer E Sheet (for someone that just wants to sign for him/herself).

#### Instructions for 10-liners

Please bring copies of the amendments with you so signers can read the amendments before they sign the petitions.

Copy the Open Enrollment 10 Liner onto the Open Enrollment 10 Liner backside, & the School Choice 10 Liner onto the School Choice 10 Liner backside. \*\*\*Please make up more back-to-backs of both the Open Enrollment 10 Liner & School Choice 10 Liner sheets to take with you to gather signatures.

The key to collecting good signatures is to ask each signer first if he/she is an active registered Oregon voter & then ask them to "sign" their name first--making it as close as possible to how they signed their voter card. They then can print in their name, address, city & zip. You need to watch them sign.

When you have completed a signature page, you fill in the bottom as circulator. You do not need to put anything in the "Sheet Number" box on the lower right corner of the 10 Liners—we will fill that in.

Feel free to download this <u>Instruction Sheet</u> for gathering signatures on the 10-liner forms.

\*Please mail back all originals of your signed petition pages to:

Education Freedom for Oregon PO Box 3242 Tualatin, Or 97062-3242

Digital signatures are not accepted. All signatures need to be in ink and the originals returned to the above address.

QUESTIONS? Shoot us an email at <a href="mailto:info@educationfreedomfororegon.com">info@educationfreedomfororegon.com</a>!

## Thank you for your work and dedication to bringing school choice to Oregon families!

#### Track our progress!

We update the status of our signature gathering as quickly as possible, allowing you to follow along as we progress!

Click the thermometer to view the website page.



### **Events - Come sign the petitions!**

Check our <u>events page</u> often for speaking engagements, petition signing events, and more!

July 8, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM Friday. July 9 & 10, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Marion County Fair

Booth #136 – In the Long Building-booth will have "Oregon People's Vote" banner 2330 17th St NE, Salem 97301

July 9, 10:00 – 12:00

Parents and Teachers

Sponsored by SK We Stand Together
115 N. Water St., Silverton, OR

July 19, 2022, 6-8 PM Summer Social Sponsored by SK We Stand Together The Woods, 555 9th Street NW, Salem 97304 (West Salem)

Wednesday July 20, 2022 6:30–8:30 PM

Meet & Greet Candidates

Sponsored by the Washington County Republican Party
Scotch Church Road Winery

30125 NW Scotch Church Road, Hillsboro, OR

July 20, 2022, 7:30–8:30 AM Breakfast Bites
Sponsored by SK We Stand Together Educational Forums at the Rec 3500 River Rd N, Keizer, OR 97303



Are you hosting a signing event?

Let us know and we'll publish your location and information to the website!

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Working to give Oregon families the constitutionally protected freedom to choose where and how their children are educated and the opportunity to request Oregon education dollars to customize their children's education.



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