

PARENTAL CHOICE IN EDUCATION

- WHEREAS, The Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers has played an important role in speaking out for adequate funding for public education and assuring the public funds are used only for public schools that are accountable to taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS, The issue of “Parental Choice”, a plan giving parents the right to select their children’s schools, has recently gained national attention; and
- WHEREAS, The Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers believes that any educational option or alternative adopted should provide assurances to parents and children of the stability and continuity of the school districts involved; and
- WHEREAS, The Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers believes that every effort must be made to give parents the opportunity for involvement in the children’s schools; and
- WHEREAS, “Parental Choice” could allow children to attend parochial/private schools or to cross district and state lines in pursuit of educational programs; and
- WHEREAS, The National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers are advocates for all children and, therefore, strongly oppose any voucher system which would allow public funds to be channeled into parochial/private schools; and
- WHEREAS, “Parental Choice” is a complicated issue and is not a quick and easy solution to educational, financial and social problems; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils urge local school boards of education to provide for a system of equity and accountability in all schools in which public funds are used to offer any program that will allow parents to choose the school that their children will attend; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils urge local school boards of education to continue to seek to improve all schools and to measure any change in structure or funding by its effect on all children; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers its units and councils, encourage local and state educational agencies to develop and implement a policy that provides guidelines that would insure the stability and continuity of school districts involved in restructuring programs which include any plan that gives parents the right to select the school which their children will attend provided that choice remains within their school district of residency; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils urge that any plan adopted provide the opportunity for all parents to be involved in the educational process of their children; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils oppose any program that does not allow equal access to quality education for all children; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils oppose any plan which would allow public funds to be channeled into parochial/private schools

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