

PUBLIC SCHOOLS KENTUCKY'S BEST INVESTMENT



KEA OPPOSES HB2 & 208

PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS SIPHON TAX DOLLARS AWAY FROM OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

HB2 & HB208 AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to education funding

KEA opposes voucher bills like these and any constitutional amendment that would siphon off precious resources from our public schools. If passed, HB2 & HB208 would nullify the effect of five sections of the Kentucky Constitution that guarantee public funding for public schools, would make funding public schools optional for the legislature, and would eliminate the public's right to a referendum before the legislature could divert money to private schools. **Please let your voice be heard on this vitally important issue by contacting your [legislator](#) and asking them to vote NO on HB2.** Kentucky's public schools are the heart and soul of our local communities. Your tax dollars should be invested in our local public schools and not given away to allow wealthy parents to subsidize their kid's private education.

Here's what school vouchers really do:

- **Reduce general fund appropriations to public schools**, which means **less money** for the state portion of SEEK funding, which is critical to all students regardless of their zipcode.
- **Make public schools prioritize or eliminate critical student support functions, forcing choices among school safety, textbooks/technology, special education, transportation, and other essential programs.** We cannot afford to reduce the amount of funding for public schools when the needs for adequate education support and pension funding are so critical!
- **Reduce student enrollment in public schools.** Reduced enrollment creates uncertainty in district budgeting, leading to less funding for the classrooms and educational staff for children. Fixed costs remain with less revenue to meet them.
- **Benefit urban private schools at the expense of rural public schools.** Simply put, there are fewer private schools in Kentucky's rural counties. Implementing any scheme that encourages enrollment in private schools at taxpayer expense by reducing available revenue will benefit urban private schools while rural schools and their students pay the real cost of that decision.
- **Give your public tax dollars to private schools with no oversight** on curriculum, student assessment or student and educator anti-discrimination practices.