

Repeal HB2853 (Universal ESA Voucher Expansion)



The Arizona Legislature recently passed **HB2853 Universal ESA Voucher Expansion**, with utter contempt for voters' overwhelming rejection of voucher expansion in 2018. We must stop this attack on public schools by rejecting this bill and we must elect a pro-public education legislature on November 8, 2022.

Stop Attacks on Education.

- Universal voucher expansion will **siphon \$1 Billion a year or more from community public schools** to unaccountable private academies, microschoools and homeschools.
- Expanding vouchers universally means massive cuts to public education, creating a tiered system of haves and have nots.
- Losing \$1 Billion per year will destroy our public education system as we know it.

Stop Misusing Taxpayer Funds.

- Vouchers are an irresponsible use of taxpayer funds with little to no accountability or transparency. Private schools don't have to open their books no matter how much public funding they receive.
- Private schools and homeschools won't have to demonstrate academic achievement.

Stop Raising Taxes.

- Funding multiple schooling systems is massively inefficient and wasteful. Taxpayers will pay the price.
- The vast majority of voucher funding will be an entitlement for wealthy families who are already enrolled in private academies.

Stop Attacks on the Economy.

- There's a reason the major AZ CEO groups in the state have opposed universal voucher expansion. Our business leaders know that Arizona needs strong public schools.
- A \$1 Billion annual loss for our schools cripples our future workforce and future economy.

Stop Discrimination.

- **It's not "school choice." It's the school's choice.** Private schools can reject students on the basis of gender, religion, and sexual orientation - even when accepting public funds.
- Special education students forego their IDEA disability rights when accepting a voucher.

Universal ESA Voucher Expansion must be stopped.

Save Our Schools Arizona must collect 118,823 valid signatures before September 24, 2022, to stop universal ESA voucher expansion from going into effect. When the Stop Voucher Expansion referendum goes on the November 2024 ballot, AZ voters will reject it once and for all.



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