

## **DONALD J. TRUMP'S VISION**

- Immediately add an additional federal investment of \$20 billion towards school choice. This will be done by reprioritizing existing federal dollars.
- Give states the option to allow these funds to follow the student to the public or private school they attend. Distribution of this grant will favor states that have private school choice, magnet schools and charter laws, encouraging them to participate.
- Establish the national goal of providing school choice to every one of the 11 million school aged children living in poverty.
- If the states collectively contribute another \$110 billion of their own education budgets toward school choice, on top of the \$20 billion in federal dollars, that could provide \$12,000 in school choice funds to every K-12 student who today lives in poverty.
- Work with Congress on reforms to ensure universities are making a good faith effort to reduce the cost of college and student debt in exchange for the federal tax breaks and tax dollars.



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• Ensure that the opportunity to attend a two or four-year college, or to pursue a trade or a skill set through vocational and technical education, will be easier to access, pay for, and finish.

Read Mr. Trump's Remarks in Cleveland, Ohio.

## **KEY ISSUES**

- At the state and federal level, the United States spends more than \$620 billion on K-12 education each year. That's an average of about \$12,296 for every student enrolled in our elementary and secondary public schools.
- We spend more per student than almost any other major country in the world. Yet, our students perform near the bottom of the pack for major large advanced countries.
- Our students continue to lag behind their peers worldwide in knowledge gained. [American Federation for Children Growth Fund]
- Among 34 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development nations, the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) found 27 countries outperformed U.S students in math. [National Center for Education Statistics]
- The same assessment found 17 countries outperformed U.S. students in reading. [National Center for Education Statistics]
- Our largest cities spend some of the largest amounts of money on public schools:
  - New York City spends \$20,226 per student.
  - Baltimore spends \$15,287 per student.
  - Chicago spends \$11,976 per student.
  - Los Angeles spends \$10,602 per student.
- School choice is vital to reverse inequities in education and failing government schools in Democrat-controlled inner cities. According to the National Assessment of Education Progress, only one in six African-American students in the eighth grade are considered proficient in math and reading. In 2016, over 2 million high school graduates took the ACT:
  - 45 percent of all students tested met three or more benchmarks related to college preparedness.
  - Only 11 percent of African American students tested met three or more of the benchmarks for college and career readiness. [The Condition of College and Career Readiness, 2016]
  - It is time for school choice to help free children from failing government schools and close the achievement gap. School choice is

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Cleveland, Ohio September 8, 2016



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"As your President, I will be the nation's biggest cheerleader for school choice. I want every single inner city child in America who is today trapped in a failing school to have the freedom - the civil right - to attend the school of their choice. I understand many stale old politicians will resist. But it's time for our country to start thinking big once again. We spend too much time quibbling over the smallest words, when we should spend our time dreaming about the great adventures that lie ahead." - Donald J. Trump

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the civil rights issue of our time.

CONTRAST WITH HILLARY CLINTON

Hillary opposes school choice, furthering education inequities in America and denying low-income African-American and Latino children the future they deserve.

Hillary Clinton claims Donald Trump's school choice proposal would "decimate public schools across America."

It is no surprise Mrs. Clinton opposes school choice because she is supported by the staunchest opponents of school choice - The American Federation of Teachers super PAC - which donated \$1.6 million to the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation and more than \$2 million to Hillary's 2016 presidential campaign. [Wall Street Journal, June 28, 2016]



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