



WE GIVE FAMILIES A VOICE IN SPRINGFIELD TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Founded in 2016 we're a 501c4 grassroots advocacy group that represents the interests of Illinois public school families. Since then we have:

Passed a student privacy bill and class size data bill in Spring 2019

Worked in coalitions to pass bills on parents-rights for special ed, testing transparency, Chicago school facilities & abolishing the IL State Charter Commission

Reached thousands of parents and public schools supporters in more than 100 IL House districts

Connected and trained parents to advocate together in legislative district networks

Engaged thousands to submit witness slips on critical public ed bills

Established a consistent presence in Springfield to effectively engage with legislators and decision makers

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ISSUES WE WORK ON

FAIR AND ADEQUATE FUNDING

The IL constitution says that our state has the primary responsibility to fund our public schools. Funding shouldn't depend on a community's property values. We need a graduated income tax so that there is adequate state revenue to cover the \$7 billion missing from Illinois school budgets.

STUDENT DATA PROTECTION

The price of a public education can't be our children's personal data or their privacy. Childhood is a time of growth, experimentation and development; your PreK-12 schooling shouldn't result in a permanent digital record that hampers your chance of future success.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

Families are best served by school systems governed transparently and ethically and that they can actively participate in. This requires democratically-elected local school boards. The lack of an elected board in Chicago disproportionately disenfranchises voters of color in our state; it's long past time for an elected school board for Chicago.

PUBLIC DOLLARS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Privatization schemes like charter schools, voucher programs and IL's new tax credit scholarship program fundamentally damage the fabric of our education system by siphoning dollars away from public schools

HIGH-STAKES STANDARDIZED TESTS

The overuse and misuse of standardized testing harms children and schools, distorting teaching and learning in the classroom. High-stakes accountability serves adults, not children. Choice, competition and ranking aren't the route to equity or a healthy public school system.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

A free, appropriate public education must be provided to every student with a disability. Nothing less than that is legal; nothing less than that is acceptable. We need laws on the books that strengthen parents' rights and require dedicated funding of special ed services.