DETRIMENTAL IMPACT OF VOUCHERS
- Contrary to the notion of the public purpose of education
- The goal is to dismantle public education
- Everyone wants to talk about religion—but we lost that argument years ago
- Lack of transparency for the public, students, and families
- Erode funding for public schools
- Erode support for public schools

CONTRARY TO THE MISSION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
- Public Purpose
- Public Access
- Public Accountability
- Public Curriculum
- Public Funding

ALEC AGENDA FOR VOUCHERS AND PRIVATIZATION
- What is ALEC?
- Model Education Bills List
- ALEC Education Task Force Task Force Home Page
- ALEC Education Report 2016 ALEC Flyer

ESTABLISHMENT ISSUES AND VOUCHERS
- Lists of U.S. Supreme Court decisions on funds to religious schools
  - Last (or most recent) nail in the coffin: Trinity Lutheran Church v. Comer (2017)

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY
- What protections do students have?
  - Rights of all students
  - Rights of special education students
- What assurances do taxpayers have that funds are used well?
  - Is it clear where the funding comes and goes?
- Wisconsin Vouchers have always been hidden from debate in budget bills!
WHAT KIND OF VOUCHERS ARE THERE

- **VOUCHERS**
  - CITY, STATEWIDE, SPECIAL EDUCATION, SPECIAL INTEREST
  - TAX CREDITS/TAX DEDUCTIONS
  - TAX SCHOLARSHIPS
  - EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
  - OTHER PRIVATIZATION PLANS, E.G. INDEPENDENT CHARTERS, SCHOOL TAKEOVERS, PRIVATE CONTRACTORS

WISCONSIN PICTURE

- [https://www.edchoice.org/school-choice/state/wisconsin/](https://www.edchoice.org/school-choice/state/wisconsin/)

NATIONAL PICTURE

- [https://www.edchoice.org/school-choice/state/wisconsin/](https://www.edchoice.org/school-choice/state/wisconsin/)

SCHOOL CHOICE IN WISCONSIN

- **PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE**
  - INTRA-DISTRICT CHOICE
  - MAGNET SCHOOLS
  - VIRTUAL SCHOOLS
  - CHAPTER 220
  - CUSTOMER OPEN ENROLLMENT
  - CHARTER SCHOOLS
  - AUTHORIZED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS
  - INSTRUMENTALITY
  - NON-INSTRUMENTALITY
  - AUTHORIZED BY OTHER ENTITIES
  - INSTRUMENTALITY
  - NON-INSTRUMENTALITY

- **PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE**
  - MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (1990)
  - RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (2011)
  - WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (2013)
  - SPECIAL NEEDS VOUCHERS (2015)
  - TUITION TAX DEDUCTION (2013)

MILWAUKEE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (MPCP)

- **PASSED IN 1990**
- **THE FIRST PUBLICLY FUNDED VOUCHER PROGRAM OF ITS TYPE IN THE UNITED STATES**
- PERMITTED UP TO ONE PERCENT (1%) OR APPROXIMATELY 1,000 OF THE ENROLLED CHILDREN IN MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MPS) TO ATTEND PRIVATE NON-SECTARIAN SCHOOLS WITHIN THE CITY’S LIMITS
- STUDENTS ELIGIBLE IF THEIR FAMILY’S INCOME WAS NO MORE THAN 175% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.
- PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WERE LIMITED TO ENROLLING NO MORE THAN 49% OF THEIR OVERALL STUDENT POPULATION BY MEANS OF THE VOUCHER
- WHICH PROVIDED $2,446/student in grades K - 8
  - $7,323/student in grades 9 - 12

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fiscal Year</th>
<th>Number of MPCP Schools</th>
<th>Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Students</th>
<th>MPCP FTE Student Payment</th>
<th>MPCP Real State Aid Payments/Program Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1990-91</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>$2,446</td>
<td>$753,800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1998-99</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>5,761</td>
<td>$4,894</td>
<td>$28,194,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2008-09</td>
<td>123</td>
<td>19,428</td>
<td>$6,367</td>
<td>$127,061,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2010-11</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>20,256</td>
<td>$6,442</td>
<td>$129,183,100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016-17</td>
<td>121</td>
<td>26,913</td>
<td>$7,323/$7,969</td>
<td>$201,918,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-18 (estimated)</td>
<td>126</td>
<td>27,670</td>
<td>$7,510/$8,176</td>
<td>$213,300,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2018-19 (estimated)</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>28,170</td>
<td>$7,747/$8,303</td>
<td>$223,600,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Racine Parental Choice Program (RPCP)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fiscal Year</th>
<th>Number of RPCP Schools</th>
<th>Total Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Students</th>
<th>RPCP FTE Student Payment</th>
<th>RPCP Total State Aid Payments/Program Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2011-12</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>219</td>
<td>$6,442</td>
<td>$1,408,200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012-13</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>485</td>
<td>$6,442</td>
<td>$3,125,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013-14</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>1,169</td>
<td>$6,442</td>
<td>$7,529,400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>1,659</td>
<td>$7,210/$7,316</td>
<td>$12,154,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015-16</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>2,057</td>
<td>$7,214/$7,360</td>
<td>$15,089,900</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016-17</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>2,420</td>
<td>$7,323/$7,660</td>
<td>$18,022,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-18 (estimated)</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>2,915</td>
<td>$7,530/$8,176</td>
<td>$22,356,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2018-19 (estimated)</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>3,300</td>
<td>$7,747/$8,393</td>
<td>$26,131,900</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Wisconsin Parental Choice Program History

#### 2017-18 WPCP/RPCP State General Aid Deductions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fiscal Year</th>
<th>Number of SNP Private Schools</th>
<th>SNP Private FTE Students</th>
<th>SNP Private with SNP Student</th>
<th>SNP Direct State CPR Funding</th>
<th>State General Aid Deduction (Local Property Taxpayer Funding)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2016-17</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>215</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$2,580,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-18 (estimated)</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>244</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$2,962,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2018-19 (estimated)</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$3,218,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Special Education Vouchers

#### Choice Program Expansion 2012-13 to 2017-18
HOW MUCH??

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CATEGORY</th>
<th>COSTS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Milwaukee Parental Choice</td>
<td>$203.7 million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Racine Parental Choice</td>
<td>$18.3 million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wisconsin Parental Choice</td>
<td>$22.6 million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Special Needs Scholarships</td>
<td>$2.4 million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Independent charters</td>
<td>$62.2 million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total spending</td>
<td>$309.2 million</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

DURING A TIME WHEN THERE HAVE BEEN THE LARGEST CUTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN WISCONSIN HISTORY

VOUCHER FUNDING GENERALLY COMES FROM 4 SOURCES

1. State aid from the public school district in which the private student resides
2. The statewide pool of aid allocated for all public schools
3. Cuts to programs for public school children in a district that paid for vouchers
4. Additional tax to local taxpayers when school boards must increase local levies to make up for losses sent to private schools.

ERODE SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Cut funding
- Blame results on public schools
- Increase support for private
- Repeat cycle until public system is destroyed

EVERY ELECTION MATTERS

From school board to referenda, state to national.

WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION, ART. X, SEC. 3

"The legislature shall provide ... for the establishment of district schools, which shall be as nearly uniform as practicable; and such schools shall be free ... to all children between the ages of 4 and 20 years; ..." (Uniformity Clause)