



Advocating for School Choice

By U.S. Senator Dave McCormick

This past week, I had the pleasure of touring St. Helena–Incarnation School in Philadelphia, where I saw firsthand how access to the right educational environment can change a child's life -- both inside the classroom and beyond the school day. As a proud product of Pennsylvania's public schools, it pains me to say: Our nation's public education system is failing miserably. Far too many students across Pennsylvania and the country are struggling with basic reading and math. It's clear that our current public school system is not working for everyone, especially students from low-income families.

I recently wrote an op-ed for the Philadelphia Inquirer about why our Governor must opt in to the new school choice tax credit created by the Working Families Tax Cut Act passed into law in July. This is a real opportunity to expand options for families across our commonwealth, helping parents choose the school that best fits their child's needs.

One of my first acts in the U.S. Senate was to cosponsor the Educational Choice for Children Act. One of my proudest moments was voting to pass



this school choice provision into law alongside childcare tax credits for working families.

The bill created a \$1,700 tax credit for donations to organizations that provide educational scholarships to families. This program gives families real choices, as the stipends can be used to pay tuition, hire tutors, purchase school supplies, and otherwise expand learning opportunities for their children. If widely adopted, the program could bring tens of billions of dollars in new funding to support students.

Not everyone will agree. Some may argue that public schools could lose funding. In reality, this tax credit does not redirect any existing federal or state dollars -- it simply allows Americans to help other Americans access a quality education.

By opting into this tax credit, Pennsylvania can extend the same opportunities to low- and middle-income families, leveling the playing field for every child. Expanding school choice means expanding opportunity -- ensuring every student, regardless of zip code or family income, has a real chance to succeed.



Joining President Trump in PA. to Discuss the Economy

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This week, President Trump visited Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania to discuss how his Administration is working on lowering costs for working families. I'm proud of the work we've have done to deliver for working families, but there is still more work to do.

It was a pleasure to travel on Air Force One with the President. I filmed a quick video before boarding the plane. WATCH the video here.



When I look back at my first year in the Senate, two of the greatest highlights have been the Energy & Innovation Summit that Dina and I hosted in Pittsburgh and the US Steel-Nippon deal that saved the Mon Valley. President Trump spoke about how we are working together to strengthen and create new jobs for PA's manufacturing, energy, and technology industries. WATCH this clip here <https://x.com/SenMcCormickPA/status/199880238583004392?s=20>.



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