# Q9 Please share your thoughts on using taxpayer money to fund private schools and/or how you think your public school district is coping after recent state budget cuts to public education (i.e. have you seen reduced staffing/programming, the introduction of referenda to fund your district, etc.).

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| 1 | Milwaukee school district is coping with 35 - 40 kids per classroom | 8/24/2015 8:36 PM |
| 2 | With recent budget cuts we will obviously see more private schools popping up. I think these schools should be governed by the state to an extent, but as private schools they have the right to provide an education that differs from the standardized curriculum. If you really want the state to stop funding private schools, elect new officials into office that will hire usefull bureaucrats into positions of authority | 7/11/2015 2:12 PM |
| 3 | Stop it! | 6/22/2015 10:38 AM |
| 4 | I have seen nothing but stress and strain on our public school system since budget cuts to public education have been made (since Scott Walker took office) This stress and strain affects the CHILDREN directly. | 5/22/2015 12:38 PM |
| 5 | Vouchers will hurt small towns and underdeveloped areas already in trouble.People will not move or work in an area where the Public Education is shoddy or nonexistent. | 3/10/2015 9:08 AM |
| 6 | Students need general access to a well rounded education, period. I do think the it would be fair to provide some voucher funds, to the extent that private schools meet state and federally mandated requirements in a transparent manner, meeting all state and federal requirements. No mixing of religious issues and beliefs unless we are talking unbiased comparative religion classes. State reduction in funding is only a way to force public schools into failing. I'm amazed how well so many Wisconsin public schools and their supporters have meet this challenge | 3/8/2015 7:06 PM |
| 7 | Taxpayer money should fund only public schools. No taxpayer money should be diverted to private schools. All money should be used to make public schools the best they can be! | 3/8/2015 6:31 PM |
| 8 | I am appalled at this and have noted that in states where this is done, the public schools have suffered greatly. | 3/8/2015 4:17 PM |
| 9 | Private schools to me is where the parents need to pony up the money if their child is going to attend. If they can't afford it then send your child to public school | 3/4/2015 10:00 AM |
| 10 | ridiculous-callous towards public schools | 3/3/2015 4:09 PM |
| 11 | I do not want my taxes to go toward religious schools. Why do Republicans cite the constitution to justify everything that they do but forget that the constitution separates religion and state. | 3/2/2015 11:41 PM |
| 12 | The move in Wisconsin to privatize schools is very dangerous. Wisconsin has a mandate to educate ALL of our children. If schools are privatized this will not happen. It is important that our students learn critical thinking, art, the humanities, philosophy ect. and not just go to school to find a job. Good, responsible citizens must have a well rounded education. The future of our State and this country dependent on having a population of well educated citizens. We cannot hand this critical task over to private hands. | 3/2/2015 11:35 PM |
| 13 | I abhor vouchers. If public schools had the money and help they could do what is necessary. It seems that the legislators want to punish struggling schools instead of helping them. Vouchers are welfare for the rich and should be stopped. | 2/19/2015 2:56 PM |
| 14 | No I don't think money should be stolen from homeowners to pay for your child's education (public education). Plan on providing for your own child's education or simply keep your legs closed or try home schooling. I do support soup kitchens paid with private charity, not picketing people's grandparents home looking for free handouts. I would kick your group member's out of the soup kitchen. Shame on you. | 2/17/2015 4:09 PM |
| 15 | stop taking tax dollars away from local schools. | 2/15/2015 10:22 PM |

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| 16 | Public schools do not have enough resources (books, accessible libraries, computers, special education teachers or assistants, etc.) The public school buildings that some students go to sit in everyday do not always have working air conditioning, accessible gyms, or aesthetic qualities that make it look and feel like a school. Our public schools need some work, and we need money to get that work done! Private schools should never be funded by tax payer dollars! Those dollars should go to the schools that serve the majority of our students and the neediest students living in poverty. | 2/11/2015 10:42 PM |
| 17 | As a mother of an autistic son I've witnessed my sons lack of services & a fair education. He's in 5th grade at a 2nd-3rd grade level. The one suffering is my son due to these cuts & the no child left behind act. He's fallen through the cracks & is shoved into the next grade level but still remains at this grade level & has suffered much emotional & physical stress. He is yet again trying to succeed in his 6th Wisconsin school. Now suffering with yet a higher level of anxiety, lack of education level, low self esteem, & to top it off he struggles with mood disorders, ADHD, high functioning autism. As a single mother this has been heartbreaking. watching my son suffer has been debilitating for him & myself. We aren't a communist country so why are being herded as one is the united states? The thought of my sons future as an adult scares me. All I can do is pray for a miracle & take one day/ moment at a time. Due to medical coverage the only services he is covered to receive is with in the public schools for his autism. I've tried home study to higher his education level, but as a low income family he then doesn't receive any services for his autism. As a mother I feel defeated. I could only imagine how defeated my son feels at the young age of 10 with his whole life ahead of him. | 2/11/2015 9:49 AM |
| 18 | No taxpayer money should go to private schools. Our public school students' education is being compromised by the republican lead state budget cuts. These are sad times in our great state. As a grandparent, I am deeply concerned with the lack of sufficient funding for public schools and the greediness shown by the republican party to defund our constitutional right for a free and equitable school system. Wisconsin is following the same path as Arizona which has a terrible school system and which ranks in the very bottom of the country for a quality education. So this is where we are now headed. Sad, very sad. Time to take my taxpayer money elsewhere. | 2/10/2015 4:31 AM |
| 19 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private school, period. Our grade schools are no longer under the Sage program, larger class sizes - attention for students that need more help very limited. | 2/9/2015 10:28 PM |
| 20 | I believe that taxpayer money should be used to fund public education. Those who choose send their child(ren) to private schools should not benefit from public monies. Simply put a private school is privately funded, i.e., not publicly funded. | 2/8/2015 1:24 PM |
| 21 | Tax payer funded private schools are sucking the life out of public schools! | 2/8/2015 10:00 AM |
| 22 | The Wisconsin public schools rate the highest in the country and funding cuts of the past have caused increased costs for students and teachers-no drivers ed, user fees for sports,increased cost supplies. School boards are making increasingly tough decisions to cut staffing, programs offered, or both. Often what is chosen to be cut are the arts-music, arts, drama. These are important in our child's education and are areas they use ALL of their lives. With the past deep cuts and the smaller proposed increases, plus the freeze on taxes, our local schools are in serious trouble. Children are Wisconsin's future and deserve better!!!! Our excellent teachers are leaving and looking for jobs anywhere but this state!! Fund schools, not Milwaukee stadiums!! Accept federal dollars for Medicaid and transportation!! Dollars should NOT be given to private schools. That is a choice that parents make and our tax dollars should NOT support that choice when we have excellent public schools!!! Public schools should NOT be part of the GOP political game!!!!!!!! | 2/8/2015 4:27 AM |
| 23 | I would like to see our public schools improve. Let's put all our cash and effort to improve that system. | 2/7/2015 6:07 PM |
| 24 | My previous answers show that I am totally against choice schools. | 2/7/2015 3:03 PM |
| 25 | We choose to send our children to a private/parochial school for grades k - 8. That was our choice and we did not expect taxpayers to pay for our children's tuition. The public schools can not continue to function with the budget constraints and the lost of funding do to the voucher system | 2/6/2015 5:35 PM |
| 26 | Expansion of vouchers will quickly foster and establish greater segregation. | 2/6/2015 1:16 PM |
| 27 | low morale no gifted and talented programs low salaries | 2/6/2015 9:23 AM |
| 28 | We should make the cost of the private school system to taxpayers more public and how it hurts our public school system. Thanks for doing this. | 2/6/2015 8:28 AM |
| 29 | My small district had a failed referendum this year. Staff cutbacks have begun in the support staff already (a custodian & a teacher aide). The board has met with a consultant on the best areas for future cuts. Tax dollars should never be used to fund private education. The parents that decide public school "isn't good enough" and CHOOSE to send their children to a private school should have to PAY THEIR OWN MONEY for the tuition. They made the choice, they can pay the price!!!!!!!! I resent every tax dollar that helps a private school keep operating. In my experience, today's private elementary schools are not giving a complete education; the students do not have opportunities in art, music, P.E. and most do not have a library. | 2/6/2015 6:25 AM |

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| 30 | Public education is a right. Private education is a choice. Funding belongs to public education to ensure these rights are met. | 2/6/2015 5:41 AM |
| 31 | Public schools should be funded by state taxes not property taxes. All schools funded based on size. | 2/5/2015 10:17 PM |
| 32 | I am absolutely against using taxpayer dollars for voucher schools. It should be used to bring all public schools up to the standard of the best schools. If we want to get all students up to the standards, start by providing care and education at the age of two and provide care before and after school. This would also make it possible for low income families to have stable foll time employment. | 2/5/2015 4:47 PM |
| 33 | class sizes have increased by at least 25%. Reduction in art and music education | 2/4/2015 2:16 PM |
| 34 | I believe we should go back to voucher schools only in Milwaukee and Racine. The initial locals because of poverty rates and excessive needs in those districts. | 2/3/2015 9:58 PM |
| 35 | Public education through public schools is a time honored American tradition and should not be destroyed by diverting funds to private voucher schools. Most of the pupils in private schools on vouchers never attended public school anyway, so we are subsidizing those who can afford private schools. This makes no sense. | 2/3/2015 8:47 AM |
| 36 | Must keep separation of Church and State as expressed in the First Amendment. | 2/2/2015 10:00 PM |
| 37 | Teacher and support staff salaries have stagnated High quality teachers are leaving our district to teach in Minnesota Class sizes in elementary school are increasing Curriculum has been narrowed.less time for recess, arts, foriegn language, even science and social studies in the elementary has been cut back to make room for more math and reading. Fewer Paraprofessional to assist reg. ed and sp ed teachers | 2/2/2015 11:47 AM |
| 38 | It should be illegal. I am completely opposed to what I call the voucher/charter creep. The voucher expansion is destroying public schools across the state and country. We need another Civil Rights movements! Shame on those who have sold our children to the highest bidder. | 2/2/2015 5:20 AM |
| 39 | I am opposed to the use of taxpayer money to fund private schools (and also opposed to non-instrumentality charter schools). My district, Wauwatosa, is faring relatively well compared to most others, but even Wauwatosa has taken steps such as laying off most of the custodial staff and outsourcing work to a cleaning company. | 2/2/2015 12:45 AM |
| 40 | Shouldn't happen | 2/1/2015 7:54 PM |
| 41 | Our district's budget has been cut to the bone, and now they are starting to cut into the bone. | 2/1/2015 7:46 PM |
| 42 | I don't believe taxpayers should fund any private, nonpublic schools. | 2/1/2015 2:46 PM |
| 43 | As a special Ed teacher the idea of expanding to special Ed students but not requiring the voucher schools to follow federal mandates is terrifying. | 2/1/2015 12:51 PM |
| 44 | Taxpayer monies should NEVER be used to fund private education | 2/1/2015 11:41 AM |
| 45 | As a retired public school teacher I always respected the role of parochial/private schools but am totally opposed to one Penney of taxes going to private schools. It is a failed idea and politicians need to stop promoting this privatization as they line their pickets and fail to adequately educate our children. | 2/1/2015 11:25 AM |
| 46 | The only way our school is surviving is because we have a devoted and hard working PTO. We have been fundraising much more than ever. And instead of using our money saved from boxtops of things for the kids like playground equipment, we are giving it directly to the teachers to help with their classroom budgets that have been drastically cut. I don't know how public schools in very low-income areas can survive this at all. It is sad and heart breaking to be taking money away from schools. This is our future! | 2/1/2015 9:45 AM |
| 47 | Private religious schools should not receive any funding from tax payers dollars. | 2/1/2015 9:39 AM |
| 48 | Voucher school funding is INTENDED to defund public schools. Voucher school funding is responsible for the demise of quality public education. | 2/1/2015 9:04 AM |
| 49 | I think schools are dealing with budget restraints by increasing property taxes, even though our governor keeps saying he'll reduce property taxes. | 2/1/2015 8:53 AM |
| 50 | level the field, play by the same rules | 2/1/2015 8:40 AM |
| 51 | Class sizes are way too big. More budget cuts will only make learning more difficult. We need to pay our teachers more and decrease the class sizes. | 2/1/2015 8:31 AM |
| 52 | I would never expect WI taxpayers to fund my child's religious education and I object to my tax dollars going to fund others! | 2/1/2015 8:31 AM |
| 53 | Taxpayer money should only be used for public schools. | 2/1/2015 8:04 AM |

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| 54 | this is a dangerous shift of taxpayer money away from the public sector (and mostly subsidizing parents who have comfortable incomes); you cannot let companies run the schools | 2/1/2015 7:59 AM |
| 55 | Voucher program should be ended. | 2/1/2015 7:15 AM |
| 56 | Private school equals private funding. | 2/1/2015 6:51 AM |
| 57 | Community support at my suburban school is fantastic, but we are seeing more private fundraising efforts and the possibility of a referendum just for routine maintenance on our buildings. Schools in lower-income areas do not have this option, and I am concerned that many Wisconsin students will no longer receive a top-quality education. I am a public school teacher, a parent of a child who receives special education services, and a Christian. What is happening in education today terrifies me on every front. | 2/1/2015 5:49 AM |
| 58 | I think if you want your child to go to a charter school you should pay for it. The public schools here are very good and the tax payers should not have to pay for anything else. | 2/1/2015 5:14 AM |
| 59 | I attended private religious schools, (which are now voucher schools) and can only equate the experience to extremist brainwashing. There is no way this can be seen as meeting the constitutional mandate of free nonsectarian education, and therefore does not deserve to receive public money. | 2/1/2015 4:31 AM |
| 60 | I am against using taxpayer money to fund private schools, especially religious schools. Public taxpayer money should not fund any child's religious education. | 2/1/2015 12:35 AM |
| 61 | This is another money maker for the gop and a way to keep the poor down. | 1/31/2015 11:40 PM |
| 62 | • | 1/31/2015 11:16 PM |
| 63 | State money should not be used for private schools. | 1/31/2015 10:45 PM |
| 64 | Public money should not be used for private schools no matter how the private school is regulated. We can not afford two systems and the voucher system has nothing to do with improving education and everything to do with making money. Funds directed toward any institution created for the public good are coveted by privateers, whether its city/county services or public schools. These types have one agenda. To make a profit. The cuts, testing and endless media bashing directed at public schools are tools to create a need for vouchers. All of the above have taken their toll on my school. We never go a year without cuts and never a day without fear of how our school will be rated. The fabric is fraying. Work loads and the paper work required to prove we are working hard enough are becoming intolerable and wearing teachers down. On top of that, our governor never seems to miss an opportunity to be just plain insulting to the field of education. Moral is low to say the least. | 1/31/2015 10:09 PM |
| 65 | It has resulted in cuts to basic staffing, programs and enlarged class sizes | 1/31/2015 10:04 PM |
| 66 | Classes are being staffed with higher numbers, even at the early-elementary levels. (26-27 students for K and 1st) and then a teacher is being hired mid-year to relieve class size if behaviors are an issue, and sometimes only part-time. Specials area staffing is being run really tight, too, giving teachers very little time to travel between schools and no time to collaborate with other school staff on projects that would be beneficial to children. They are refusing to spend money on essential classroom furniture (ex: Tables for my 1st grade classroom instead of desks. I've also requested a carpet for my 1st graders to gather on for large-group instruction for the last 2 years, and I have been told "no" both years.) | 1/31/2015 9:54 PM |
| 67 | Reduced staff and programming, increased fees | 1/31/2015 9:21 PM |
| 68 | Weakening the public schools to prop up a parallel voucher school chain is insane. | 1/31/2015 9:03 PM |
| 69 | I don't have a problem with vouchers. If you are unhappy with the school district you live I, and cannot effect any change, then you should have the ability to move your child (and tax dollars) to another school. However, that school should be a public school. Public tax dollars should in NO WAY be used to fund private, unregulated schools. In general, I believe that tax dollars should never be used to directly fund for-profit services. | 1/31/2015 8:41 PM |
| 70 | Budget cuts resulting in increased local taxpayer costs and reduced programming. | 1/31/2015 8:28 PM |
| 71 | Public schools are the heart of our communities and of our democracy. We must make public schools so good that all parents would want their children to attend the neighborhood school. | 1/31/2015 8:27 PM |
| 72 | My family includes two teachers, who know first hand about what is happening in the public school appropriations. | 1/31/2015 8:02 PM |
| 73 | No taxpayers' money should go to private schools. To improve education for all, cuts to public schools must be restored. With the growing percentage of low income students throughout the state we need to insure that there are adequate programs to help them succeed. | 1/31/2015 7:28 PM |
| 74 | Taxpayer money should not be used. | 1/31/2015 7:11 PM |
| 75 | Keep all public funds in local public schools. Private schools are acceptable alternatives but only if they are entirely supported by private funds.r | 1/31/2015 6:23 PM |

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| 76 | The voucher program is in absolute contrast to the state constitution as it relates to public education. Vouchers are not constitutionally acceptable. | 1/31/2015 6:18 PM |
| 77 | As one Republican school board member noted last year, public tax money should be used only for public schools. | 1/31/2015 3:37 PM |
| 78 | We had a school referendum in 2014 to pay for school property upgrades, computers for middle school students and funds to help "retain" quality teachers. | 1/31/2015 3:25 PM |
| 79 | Referendum coming this spring. Stop trying to privatize public schools. Stop all voucher programs. Our public schools score highly compared to other states. Voucher schools have been proven to not produce better students- look at New Orleans statistics- this type of system was instituted behind taxpayers back after Hurricane Katrina. Looke at facilities Milwaukee voucher students have as schools, New York City schools, even wit money From the Gates are still under performing. I believe one school has succeeded. Indiana schools which are replete with voucher programs are trying to get out of that type of system because it's not working. Just when did this system( voucher)get started and why? Confront poverty and I'll bet the supposed decline of US schools will turn right around. Also how can public schools excell when they are being financially gutted? | 1/31/2015 2:45 PM |
| 80 | Even after a consolidation between Glidden and Park Falls six years ago, a referendum will need to be held in the year or two because of projected deficits. Estimates are that nearly 40 percent of the teaching staff will have to be cut if the referendum does not pass. | 1/31/2015 2:03 PM |
| 81 | Any public money used to fund schools that have any religious affiliation is against the WI constitution no mater how they word it. | 1/31/2015 11:05 AM |
| 82 | I have experienced reduced funding, staff fatigue, referenda to cover typical operating expenses, and a high rate of suspension & expulsion proceedings due to schools' inability appropriately staff and teach kids who are experiencing challenges through no fault of their own. | 1/31/2015 11:00 AM |
| 83 | We have had to cut staff and services. We also have a 10 million dollar deficit and are fighting for a 41 million dollar referendum to bring our school infrastructure improvements | 1/31/2015 10:33 AM |
| 84 | Taxpayer money should, in no way, be used to fund private schools. | 1/31/2015 5:45 AM |
| 85 | We seem to be doing quite well. We've enhanced busing, given all staff raises, are negotiating to purchase land for a new school, hired instructional leaders at the elementary level, and started a snack program. All while reducing property taxes. | 1/31/2015 12:11 AM |
| 86 | This erodes financial support for public education, which is essential for democracy. | 1/30/2015 9:37 PM |
| 87 | Don't do it! | 1/30/2015 7:23 PM |
| 88 | The money for schools should go to public schools only. If you want a child in a private school,pay for it yourself and private schools should be monitored the same as public schools. | 1/30/2015 7:16 PM |
| 89 | We have seen reductions in classes offered. Many experienced teachers are leaving the system. | 1/30/2015 7:13 PM |
| 90 | The WI Constitution mandates school districts as uniform as practicable with no charge for tuition. It allows release during school hours for religious instruction. It does not mention full day religious school attendance at taxpayer expense. The expansion of the voucher program statewide was accomplished by the legislature at 3:00 am, without public testimony and without a fiscal estimate from DPI. Meanwhile, public schools are being steadily asphyxiated by funding cuts while their teachers are demonized and the poverty pervasive in many districts is ignored. Wisconsin is on track to begin replacing public schools with education by exclusion. This is not the people's agenda. It is ALEC's agenda, and it must be stopped. | 1/30/2015 6:04 PM |
| 91 | Taxpayer money should support public education only, and NOT at all for private education. | 1/30/2015 3:43 PM |
| 92 | Public money is for public schools. No public funds should go to private schools. Public schools need all the funds allocated to them and the funds should not be diverted to private schools. | 1/30/2015 8:42 AM |
| 93 | WI education is losing teachers and staff who have had many years in their field because of of budget cuts and Act 10. | 1/29/2015 5:23 PM |
| 94 | Public education in WI has been devastated by the Walker administration. Morale among teachers is at an all-time low. Long-standing, successful programs have been cut from our local high school, and I'm sure this is happening all over. Kids are suffering from staffing shortages at all levels. | 1/29/2015 5:13 PM |
| 95 | Private schools are exactly that - private. Funding for these private schools should come from tuition, fundraisers etc NOT from taxpayer money. Attending a private school is a choice. A choice not available for all families. Funding for private schools should come from private sources not taxpayer money especially when our public schools are already so strapped for funds. Public schools are for the community and funded by the community. Private schools are a choice and should be funded by those who make the choice to attend them!! | 1/29/2015 11:16 AM |
| 96 | Funding should be equitable for all students and not higher for voucher funded students with strict guidelines for school credibility with regular verification of performance | 1/29/2015 7:14 AM |

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| 97 | Using taxpayer dollars in this way is tantamount to misappropriation. It is a cynical tactic that reactionary politicians have managed to get away with for too long. | 1/28/2015 11:07 PM |
| 98 | Reduces staffing and cuts in reading instruction | 1/28/2015 9:03 PM |
| 99 | School choice should not involve private school tuition payments, busing is already available for private school students and taxpayer funding should stop there. | 1/28/2015 8:20 AM |
| 100 | I think our state can not afford two school systems...they can't even afford one right now. | 1/27/2015 7:39 PM |
| 101 | Our school is suffering. | 1/27/2015 5:49 PM |
| 102 | taxpayer money should not fund private schools | 1/27/2015 5:06 PM |
| 103 | I am an ardent supporter of public education. We have an excellent public school system in Wisconsin. Supporting private schools with public money is unconscionable. I want this to stop. Lets spend to improve what we do in public schools. | 1/27/2015 12:49 PM |
| 104 | I have seen reductions in staff and increases to teacher work loads (ie, more classes, larger classes). Programing for students has also been cut. | 1/27/2015 11:44 AM |
| 105 | Schools are understaffed, teachers are spending less time getting to know students, schools have no money to update and provide students with the technology the will need to be successful inp the future. | 1/26/2015 8:49 PM |
| 106 | This is taxation without representation. Isn't that what the Revolution war was about? This should be illegal according to our Constitution. | 1/26/2015 10:16 AM |
| 107 | High concern for WI reform proposals, administrative changes have already affected staff numbers and discouraged students that may have been interested in the teaching field. | 1/26/2015 5:52 AM |
| 108 | Milwaukee Public Schools students deserve a far greater amount of funding than they are getting. | 1/25/2015 9:57 PM |
| 109 | Education systems are expected to do more with less. When is enough, enough? The education system in Wisconsin has gone from top notch to utter despair in a matter of a few years. Good educators are either retiring or leaving the education field completely. Young adults are seeing the writing on the wall and are now changing their education majors. We need highly qualified educators for our future. Education needs highly educated people making decisions that affect education...not politicians. | 1/25/2015 7:53 PM |
| 110 | Tax payer money should go to fund public education. | 1/25/2015 7:37 PM |
| 111 | Public funds should fund public schools. Private schools should receive funds from private sources! | 1/25/2015 7:30 PM |
| 112 | A number of great teachers are leaving the profession because they see the inequities between funding private schools and funding public education. | 1/25/2015 6:40 PM |
| 113 | publib money should never be used to fund private matters it is against the constitution of separation of church and state, private vs public | 1/25/2015 3:01 PM |
| 114 | Taxpayer money should be used soley for public school education systems. | 1/25/2015 2:57 PM |
| 115 | The district where I used to work needed to close two schools due to Walker's budget cuts. As a result, my school became overloaded with high-need special education students. My caseload increased from 35 special education students to 52. The workload was unreasonable. After 3 years of doing my best to meet the IEP goals and objectives of this high-needs population, and after working too many 60 hour weeks, my only alternative was to leave the district. | 1/25/2015 2:34 PM |
| 116 | I have been against public funds for private schools since this has started. It has been detrimental in providing quality public education to all WI families. | 1/25/2015 2:12 PM |
| 117 | The school district is constantly dealing with budget shortfall. They no longer reimburse for educational advancement of there staff. Educational instutions should be the first to support educational advancement of staff. Budget constants have froze salaries and eliminated this enrichment incentive. Long term education institutes may struggle attracting qualified canidates and student instruction will begin to decline. | 1/25/2015 1:58 PM |
| 118 | Our schools have larger class sizes throughout the curriculum because of budget cuts. To me this is a way to guarantee the failure of public schools. Continue to strip tax dollars from public education and give it to private organizations. It is unethical and unfair. | 1/25/2015 1:42 PM |
| 119 | It should not be allowed to continue. | 1/25/2015 12:43 PM |
| 120 | Education is being undermined by many different sources. Instead of keeping the kids in mind, it seems as if there is a rush to claim possible ownership (and therefore the potential economic advantages) of our schools by various groups. | 1/25/2015 12:01 PM |
| 121 | economies of scale are not used if money is dispersed too many areas..public education for all would be more cost effective and efficient way of education for EVERYONE | 1/25/2015 11:24 AM |

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| 122 | There has been a severe decline in the number of staff members public schools can have to provide one on one services to students with special needs. | 1/25/2015 11:11 AM |
| 123 | Public schools have been very negatively affected by loss of revenue over the past 10 years. To provide so much money to private schools that have no accountability is poor policy and negatively affects all Wisconsinites. | 1/25/2015 9:58 AM |
| 124 | Public schools are suffering and they will continue to do so until the governor of our state is replaced. | 1/24/2015 7:58 PM |
| 125 | Fewer dollars available for mandated programs and appropriate staffing. Private school vouchers going to previously enrolled in those schools. Public schools are accountable to state laws, private voucher schols aren't. | 1/24/2015 6:41 PM |
| 126 | Not unlike quicksand! | 1/24/2015 5:22 PM |
| 127 | Schools on northern Wisconsin are having a difficult time because of budget cuts. Many around us have had referendas to fund building projects and staffing programming. | 1/24/2015 2:45 PM |
| 128 | It is unconscionable to siphon money from the public school system into private schools. It would also seem to be counter to the state constitution. Public charter schools should be supported. In particular, schools with a religious basis (any religion) should not receive public funding. | 1/24/2015 1:00 PM |
| 129 | It has threatened public education and the future of Wisconsin | 1/24/2015 12:49 PM |
| 130 | If the state believes local authorities can not provide adequate education to local residents the state should take over the job instead of privatizing it. | 1/24/2015 12:39 PM |
| 131 | Please do not destroy public education in WI. It is a good system. Don't take away the funding. Every school should be held accountable in the state to ensure quality education for the future of the state. | 1/24/2015 10:16 AM |
| 132 | Reduced staffing and programing changes have occured since budget cuts. | 1/24/2015 7:00 AM |
| 133 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools. | 1/24/2015 5:20 AM |
| 134 | The children who already attended private schools now get voucher money to do so. The children with special needs, or even classroom difficulties or home difficulties are "weeded" out of the voucher schools by their staff "gently suggesting" they might be happier in a public school. What does that do to the makeup of public schools? Hmmm . . . | 1/23/2015 5:02 PM |
| 135 | I strongly feel that taxpayer money should NOT be used to fund private schools! I see the erosion of our local public schools with programs being cut! | 1/23/2015 4:24 PM |
| 136 | I see many referendums across the State in order for public schools to provide quality education to their students. Many referendums do not pass and the schools and students involved suffer. | 1/23/2015 11:34 AM |
| 137 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools! ! | 1/23/2015 10:40 AM |
| 138 | We have bigger class sizes and more testing requirements, along with increasingly difficult population sets in our public schools. With the school report card system and other policies, we are under threat of sanctions for low achievement because we serve a population with high poverty and special needs. We have had to go to referendum for facilities maintenance and technology upgrades. | 1/23/2015 5:22 AM |
| 139 | Taxpayer dollars should NEVER be use to fund private schools | 1/22/2015 9:28 PM |
| 140 | We have reduced staff, increased workload, and created larger class sizes. We continue to be asked to do more and more with less money, less time, and less support. | 1/22/2015 6:57 PM |
| 141 | a. I believe the voucher schools to be unconstitutional with regard to the state constitution. b. Aren't parents of Parochial Private schools double dipping if they take a voucher and a tax deduction? if so how can that be right, moral, or legal? | 1/22/2015 6:56 PM |
| 142 | - | 1/22/2015 6:24 PM |
| 143 | Reduced staffing leading to higher staff/student ratios Budget cuts for school supplies Unable to hire additional staff despite too high caseloads, no prep/lunch time Mandated services and curriculum without the financial support to fund them | 1/22/2015 5:38 PM |
| 144 | Reductions have been forced/larger class sizes/less teachers | 1/22/2015 10:38 AM |
| 145 | Taxpayer money should NOT fund private schools. | 1/22/2015 10:34 AM |
| 146 | We have seen reduced staffing and programming and funding | 1/21/2015 10:10 PM |

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| 147 | I do not support any taxpayer money going to private schools (any where in WI or the US for that matter!) whether or not the private schools have a religious program. In regards to recent state budget cuts my school district, Southern Door, has had to cut AP courses; reduce arts and music teachers; eliminate reimbursement for graduate credit continuing education for teachers; eliminate salary step increases for teachers taking graduate courses; and reduce extra curricular programs. The only positive outcome of the last election was that Southern Door succeeded in passing a referendum. Unfortunately I know that will only delay additional cuts that are inevitable unless something is done with the public school funding formula, and, taxpayer money stops getting funneled out to private schools. | 1/21/2015 10:01 PM |
| 148 | I am totally against usint taxpayer money to fund private schools. It hurts the legitimate public schools who are available to EVERY child. | 1/21/2015 8:57 PM |
| 149 | Taxpayer money should never be used to fund charter schools period! | 1/21/2015 7:16 PM |
| 150 | When parents pay for a private school, they are paying twice. They pay through their taxes for public education and through tuition and fees for private school. They should not have to pay twice. | 1/21/2015 7:12 PM |
| 151 | School budgets have been cut drastically. More referendums were needed in many school districts due to budget cuts. | 1/21/2015 7:11 PM |
| 152 | low income parents should decide whats best for them | 1/21/2015 7:09 PM |
| 153 | Please fully fund all public schools first. Stop expanding the voucher program and hold these schools to the same standards as all public schools that receive state funding. | 1/21/2015 7:07 PM |
| 154 | With the budget cuts we are asked to do more and more but with no money it ends up coming out of the teachers' own pockets. | 1/21/2015 6:52 PM |
| 155 | I work for a small rural school district. The budget cuts have been very painful. The school board has been reluctant to have a referendum. I am a high school librarian and it looks like I might be laid off this year. | 1/21/2015 6:47 PM |
| 156 | Public funds should only support public schools. | 1/21/2015 6:46 PM |
| 157 | Less money in our public schools, larger classes and fewer resources to teachers. Teacher morale is low. | 1/21/2015 6:38 PM |
| 158 | Our state constitution requires that all students should receive an education. We as landowners pay for this through property tax. I do not want any of my tax dollars to go to paying for private school education because I may not have the same beliefs that the private schools have. I have seen an increase in class sizes in the public schools due to budget cuts. In addition the public schools have to play by a complete set of rules. If we are going to continue with public tax dollars being spent in private school than the rules that apply to public schools need to be the same in private schools | 1/21/2015 6:08 PM |
| 159 | less money flows to the public schools causing them loss of jobs and increased taxes just to stay open | 1/21/2015 5:58 PM |
| 160 | I wonder if the entire vocher plan is unconstitutional? I know that public schools continue to cut benefits to faculty/staff & increase class size. Private/charter schools should not be funded by tax dollars. | 1/21/2015 4:28 PM |
| 161 | I think it should not be done. | 1/21/2015 1:37 PM |
| 162 | If private money is now considered free speech then public money should be public speech. It's all coming from tax dollars than the standards should be the same for all who get to spend it. | 1/21/2015 1:27 PM |
| 163 | I would appreciate these EDUCATIONAL WELFARE PAYMENTS (vouchers) being relabeled as such and the expense for vouchers being labeled as an EDUCATION TAX. | 1/21/2015 1:16 PM |
| 164 | I maintain that separation of church and state be honored. I resent the cuts to public schools, the teachers, and programs. We need to fund them so we attract and retain the best teachers. We need to allow teachers to do their jobs not have a bunch of politicians messing up our exceptional education system | 1/21/2015 12:43 PM |
| 165 | Should not use taxpayer money to fund private schools. Public schools have more difficulty providing the programs needed. | 1/21/2015 11:07 AM |
| 166 | public money to private schools is abuse of taxpayer dollars. | 1/21/2015 11:02 AM |
| 167 | I have seen a lot of low-income children and children with disabilities not accepted in these schools. | 1/21/2015 10:51 AM |
| 168 | I oppose any government support of private schools. We need, for sure, to keep any church affiliation from tax support. I cannot believe we have come to this. I do not believe privatization has been allowed to come this far in progressive WI. | 1/21/2015 10:36 AM |
| 169 | Public money should fund PUBLIC schools, not private ones. | 1/21/2015 9:56 AM |
| 170 | Do not believe in "for profit" schools.. (voucher) | 1/21/2015 9:28 AM |
| 171 | Referendum to support schools because of less state aid. Larger class sizes. | 1/21/2015 9:24 AM |

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| 172 | Public schools should be funded equally and fairly so that all students, rich and poor, have the same identical opportunity to learn. Right now it is separate and unequal. Voucher schools should not be draining the limited funding away from public schools. | 1/21/2015 9:23 AM |
| 173 | Charter schools run by the public schools give parents an option of different forms of education, but still must follow most of the guidelines of regular public schools. There is more quality control and equity of funds. Public education must deal with all students and the huge amount of money spent on special education students takes away from the "general" budget. Most private schools don't deal with special needs students. | 1/21/2015 8:48 AM |
| 174 | Vouchers have hurt public schools by taking away needed funding. If we are going to support private schools, they need to follow the same rules and regulations as the public schools. | 1/21/2015 8:43 AM |
| 175 | The State of WI should not be funding private religious schools or for-profit schools. It is undemocratic and does not provide equal education, since the State has no control over quality of education in these voucher school. | 1/21/2015 8:11 AM |
| 176 | The most apt expression I have heard is, "First they starve our schools, then they privatize them." I sincerely doubt that rural citizens who voted for Walker and his followers will wake up to this reality until the year after their school is privatized and the company decides to raise the cost, makes decisions without their input, cuts extra curricular events and then leaves them with dilapidated buildings. People seem to like a man of action, no matter what action he is taking. And right now that man is Walker. How hard is it to realize that if you only have so much $ and you give it to private schools, public schools will have less? I don't understand how anyone could have voted for people who are taking away one of the best things Wisconsin had going for it. | 1/21/2015 8:10 AM |
| 177 | It is wrong to fund private schools while defunding public schools whose obligation is to provide a quality education for students, even the ones difficult to serve,. It is unfair to public schools if private schools receiving vouchers do not have to abide by these same standards. | 1/21/2015 8:09 AM |
| 178 | Taxes should be used to fund ONLY public education. | 1/21/2015 7:11 AM |
| 179 | Taxes should be used for public schools only to provide a good education to all children. | 1/21/2015 7:06 AM |
| 180 | I believe the analogy of all paying for police protection but if you have a private bodyguard, you pay for one applies here. Also, wait until the Muslims want a voucher school so they can push sharia customs,and they will. | 1/21/2015 6:50 AM |
| 181 | Private schools should offer their own scholarship programs and voucher money should go where it is needed: public schools. | 1/21/2015 6:19 AM |
| 182 | Our schools are suffering, because our teachers are suffering. Although they are still working VERY hard, there is just not enough time to do all they are being asked, No, "told" to do. The new Teacher Effectiveness program is beyond ridiculous! It teaches teachers using a method we would never consider using to teach students (sit & git), and I feel like I am spending so much time "telling" about how I am being a good teacher that I am no longer the good teacher using that time to create innovative lessons/projects and quality assessments. Teachers are becoming increasingly stressed to the point that I've seen more health issues among them. As far as vouchers, I have NO idea how they can be used for religious schools. It seems to impinge on my separation of church and state, as I do not believe in organized religion, but have to pay for it as if I do support it. These schools are not required to teach all students and do not follow the same rules, which also goes against what I believe is just. If you want religion infused into your child's education, you should have to pay for it out of pocket just like you do your other religious contributions. | 1/21/2015 6:14 AM |
| 183 | Yes | 1/21/2015 4:24 AM |
| 184 | No taxpayer money should go to private schools. Public school funding should be greatly increased instead. | 1/21/2015 4:07 AM |
| 185 | Tax dollars should not fund private schools. Students in public schools have suffered because the decrease in money to public schools has increased class sizes. | 1/21/2015 12:01 AM |
| 186 | I have seen how difficult it has been to keep the quality of education and maintain facilities in Altoona where I volunteer as a tutor. | 1/20/2015 11:06 PM |
| 187 | Almost every teacher that has resigned or retired has NOT been replaced. Some entire programs that are very important have disappeared. | 1/20/2015 11:04 PM |
| 188 | The voucher system is just one more way for legislatures to tax us for money to give to their friends running voucher schools | 1/20/2015 10:37 PM |
| 189 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools. It seems that teachers are having to work harder and teach more students even as their financial reward goes down. | 1/20/2015 10:27 PM |
| 190 | Curriculum, quality teachers, infrastructure are all suffer to a greater degree due to cuts and shifted funding. | 1/20/2015 10:05 PM |
| 191 | Private schools which accept voucher students should have to follow the exact same rules and requirements in all areas as do public schools--no exceptions. | 1/20/2015 10:03 PM |

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| 192 | Private schools, if getting tax dollars should have to follow all requirements that public schools have to follow. If a special needs students wants to attend a charter or private should provide the need materials and staff to meet the needs of that student without getting staff from the public schools. I have seen cuts to programs in materials and staffing because of the budget cuts to public schools. this has resulted in larger class sizes and less time the teachers can spend with students because of the larger class sizes and the increased number of classes they are teaching. | 1/20/2015 9:43 PM |
| 193 | It's taking funding from our public schools who performs at the same level or higher in most cases. | 1/20/2015 9:35 PM |
| 194 | I thought there was to be a separation of Church and state. I don't understand how this $ can be given with no strings attached and no accountability. Our school district Durand is struggling, especially because the students come from such a wide area that transportation costs as a %age of the budget is out of whack with urban schools. | 1/20/2015 9:13 PM |
| 195 | Program reduction, narrowing of the curriculum due to staff issues, lack of staff development. | 1/20/2015 8:58 PM |
| 196 | I am a retired teacher. I have three grandchildren in 3rd, 7th, and 9th grades of the same public school district. It is a large wealthy school district that has been able so far to deal with the severe cuts to education that occurred four years ago. But some things did happen that upset me. The worst was a decision not to replace a retiring teacher in the lower grades to anticipate a tight budget because of state funding cuts. That is when my youngest grandson started elementary school and was in a class of 24 kindergärtners without an aid to help the teacher deal with a group of students that included some challenging individuals. I taught for 34 years in a small rural school in west central Wisconsin. I keep in contact with my former district and they, and many like them in the state, are being seriously challenged in keeping a comprehensive quality education in place for kids. Staff turnover is increasing and districts are losing experienced staff who include the mentors needed to help new staff members. | 1/20/2015 8:43 PM |
| 197 | I retired from public schools in the 54115 zip last June. Our district there cut back on librarians, special ed aids and technology support workers. Kids bear the burden of cuts. | 1/20/2015 8:13 PM |
| 198 | Taxpayer monies should not be used for vouchers to attend private/religious school! Our public schools are doing a better job of educating children and public dollars should not be taken away from public schools. | 1/20/2015 7:57 PM |
| 199 | If parents opt to send their children to private schools, they should have to pay the cost our of their pocket. | 1/20/2015 7:24 PM |
| 200 | Totally against it. | 1/20/2015 7:11 PM |
| 201 | There have been many programs taken away from public schools due to the Voucher Program. It hurts us all as a society when that happens. | 1/20/2015 6:23 PM |
| 202 | Funds for public schools have been cut with Gov. Walker's administration. To funnel more money out of public schools and into the private arena is wrong. | 1/20/2015 5:45 PM |
| 203 | These cuts have forced many excellent school staff to leave and have meant less services for children. | 1/20/2015 5:35 PM |
| 204 | It's a terrible thing taking tax m oney away from public schools and supporting private schools. The only way we can keep our small public school viable is with an increase in school taxes on our property taxes and voting yes to school referendums. | 1/20/2015 5:08 PM |
| 205 | As a WI taxpayer I do not feel my tax money for PUBLIC schools should be spent for any voucher or charter school. Especially with the current condition of our public schools. | 1/20/2015 5:08 PM |
| 206 | It gets harder every year to make the schools in our district operate well and still stay within their budget. They cannot continue to have money put in the hands of private schools or there will be no more good public schools. | 1/20/2015 4:51 PM |
| 207 | I am concerned that additional staff is not able to be hired when needed due to limited funds. This has an impact on children and families getting needed services in a timely manner. | 1/20/2015 4:11 PM |
| 208 | We have seen referdums. | 1/20/2015 3:54 PM |
| 209 | Too much time, energy, effort is needed to deal with the repercussions of funding cuts instead of devoted to students' education. | 1/20/2015 3:48 PM |
| 210 | Under Walker administration, public school funding has been cut substantially. Now it's going to be cut further to fund private schools? What about his makes any financial sense? NOTHING | 1/20/2015 3:37 PM |
| 211 | Vouchers are wrong about every possible way that they CAN be wrong, and I believe they are also unconstitutional. The absolute worst violation of all is that they do not have to accept all students nor do they have to follow the same standards as the public schools. | 1/20/2015 3:31 PM |
| 212 | I perceive the use of taxpayer dollars to fund private and religious schools as an overt attempt to eliminate public education. As more money is diverted to voucher schools, public schools will have fewer resources. I see this in the school where my grandchildren attend. I see this in schools where teachers' pay is reduced because the District does not have the funds it needs. | 1/20/2015 3:24 PM |
| 213 | staffing and programming has been cut as well as my local taxes have increased to cover the loss from budget cuts. | 1/20/2015 3:17 PM |

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| 214 | I believe that any school which receives tax dollars for students should have to follow the rules and regulations that the public schools follow. They should have the same testing requirements and accountability measures. My tax dollars should not support private education. Isn't that why it is called private. Our school district must take any of the students who leave private schools at whatever time of year and the money the private schools received is not redirected to the public schools. This is adversely affecting all public schools. | 1/20/2015 3:03 PM |
| 215 | Using tax payer money to fund private schools does not reflect our WI. state constitution or the mission of educating each child across the state in an equitable fashion. The district I reside in has been forced to have many operational referenda to pay for education costs, while at the same time decreasing co-curricular and ac curricular options for students, across the grade levels, lowering the quality of their educational experiences. | 1/20/2015 2:31 PM |
| 216 | Parents who wish their children to receive religious instruction in addition to an academic curriculum should be willing to pay the tuition to such a school.If they can't afford the tuition the schools should provide scholarships through donations by their church body. All children can receive free religious instruction outside the school day by the church of their choice, thus free tax dollars for public schools. | 1/20/2015 2:31 PM |
| 217 | Student 'voucher' programs should focus on higher education, on off-site university or vocation school locations. Students should attend the school in the district they live in. | 1/20/2015 2:27 PM |
| 218 | Taxpayer funding to private schools is designed to destroy our public school systems. | 1/20/2015 1:59 PM |
| 219 | Our current schools should be funded at a greater level and diverting taxpayer money to private schools weakens existing school districts. Over the years the language options in my school district have been negatively impacted by funding cuts to public education. | 1/20/2015 1:52 PM |
| 220 | Public funding of schools is not student tuition. It's the cost of having an educated society. If a family chooses to attend a private school, that is their choice and then they are also choosing to pay for that over and above the costs of educating everyone in our society. | 1/20/2015 1:45 PM |
| 221 | I am Catholic. I totally disagree with our Republican run state govt regarding vouchers. Private school is a CHOICE. My parents made the choice and paid. Wisconsin has been on the slippery slide regarding the run of our public education.nit is very evident that the state elected sees dollar signs for private industry and personal favors. Wisconsin had a top notch education system, but our govt couldn't see that. Instead the govt made decisions about areas of education that they know nothing about. Needless to say they have never taught professionally. Our govt needs to leave public education to those who KNOW the process of education. | 1/20/2015 1:43 PM |
| 222 | Public funds should only be used for pubic education.... | 1/20/2015 1:37 PM |
| 223 | For me vouchers have become an ethical question. Here in Manitowoc the public schools are hurting [referendums in April] and the Catholic schools are receiving vouchers. We cannot mix church and state. | 1/20/2015 1:34 PM |
| 224 | Parents found a way to send their kids to private school before. These schools offerred scholarships to needy families. Private contibutors made this possible and should continue to do so - not taxpayers. | 1/20/2015 1:24 PM |
| 225 | no government money to private schools, except for special needs kids | 1/20/2015 1:22 PM |
| 226 | I was a public educator for over 34 years in Wisconsin; I was forced to resign because of the Walker administration's impact on teacher salaries, pensions, etc. Our public school district is taking the Walker path and there are several lawsuits by various teacher groups against it for their abuse of retirement funds. Teachers' salaries and pensions have been jeopardized; there is loss of individual teacher freedom, etc. Student programs have been slashed. The public remains largely unaware that class sizes have increased and programs have been cut. It is a tragedy. | 1/20/2015 1:20 PM |
| 227 | Public schools are a constitutional requirement. They are not currently funded equally -- students in some districts receive more funding than students in other districts. Rural school students are especially susceptible to the funding problems effecting schools in Wisconsin. Until the state is willing/able to fulfill its constitutional requirement to public schools, tax money should not go to any other educational enterprises. The big goal here isn't about educational opportunity or about educational choice, it's about privatization. Business will use vouchers as a way to get a piece of the public education money. They are already in enough of taxpayer enterprises -- education isn't the place for them. | 1/20/2015 1:18 PM |
| 228 | Voucher schools are hurting public education which is for every student in Wisconsin. We should eliminate voucher schools . | 1/20/2015 1:08 PM |
| 229 | Class sizes have increased dramatically; low enrollment courses for ELL and TAG students have been eliminated; teacher morale is very low | 1/20/2015 1:05 PM |
| 230 | Eliminate any taxpayer funding for private or charter schools that are not required to follow the same requirements as public tax payer funded schools. Open meetings and records requirements also should be required. Protections of student rights and privileges is a must. | 1/20/2015 12:51 PM |

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| 231 | It is so sad to see the demise of public education in the state of Wisconsin. It was rated very high in most areas, however since the last political change it has plumited. The changes appeared to be self serving, divisive and discriminating. | 1/20/2015 12:46 PM |
| 232 | I feel that taxpayer money should be used by public schools. All schools should have an even playing field. Playing with the constitution is not the role of our legislators. | 1/20/2015 12:45 PM |
| 233 | Our schools are being asked to educate students without proper funding and many curriculum cuts and staffing cuts have been made to the detriment of our students. | 1/20/2015 12:36 PM |
| 234 | I have dealt with special needs students who came from private schools. Because their needs were not adequately met in their earlier years, it made it more difficult to help these students once they moved to public schools. | 1/20/2015 12:26 PM |
| 235 | Pulaski schools want a referendum on purchasing ipads. Money lost on vouchers would help pay for this plan. I am completely dumbfounded as to why it is legal for my tax dollars to pay for private school religious education. I must not understand the Constitution of the United States. | 1/20/2015 12:25 PM |
| 236 | As a teacher in a larger district, I pay so much of my own money for items in my classroom. I do not receive any money from our district or from our PTA. | 1/19/2015 10:13 PM |
| 237 | Class room sizes are out of control. I don't respect the intelligence of anyone who doesn't think the size of a class room matters | 1/19/2015 8:11 PM |
| 238 | taxpayer money should NEVER be used to fund private schools. Of you are so inclined to send your child to a private school, YOU are responsible for the tuition. | 1/19/2015 7:48 PM |
| 239 | Having to rely on grants. | 1/19/2015 7:15 PM |
| 240 | The current funding system in this state is broken! I teach and have family in a small, rural school in northern WI. It upsets me so much that small, rural schools in northern WI (yes, believe it or not Madison, there are schools north of HWY 29 and WE MATTER TO OUR COMMUNITIES). Our school is on the verge of a referendum this spring. If this fails, our school will have two years before it closes. But, most people will not hear about that, they will only hear about what happens in SE WI. Please start spending some time looking at the impact on the small, rural schools in northern WI. So, needless to say, I am not a fan of the voucher program where taxpayers are paying to spend students to private schools when we are fighting LIKE CRAZY to keep public education an option for our community! | 1/19/2015 5:06 PM |
| 241 | Each year for the last 20 years there have been cuts in programs. | 1/19/2015 4:49 PM |
| 242 | Our public school system is struggling. They have cut the budget as far as they possibly can. A system that offers education for all children in Wisconsin is at risk. I DO NOT feel that taxpayer money should be used to pay for private school funding. | 1/19/2015 4:45 PM |
| 243 | As a WI taxpayer, I am more than willing to pay taxes for PUBLIC schools. In my opinion, and with looking at the research that I have done, I do not believe that voucher schools are the answer to problems some public schools face. Our public schools need my money and that of all other taxpayers to succeed. Taking those dollars and distributing them to non-public schools only exacerbates the problems. | 1/19/2015 4:29 PM |
| 244 | Schools in the North are Struggling as are the Milwaukee Schools. | 1/19/2015 4:27 PM |
| 245 | Of course all of the above is happening (reduced staff, referendum, etc). The problem is that these surveys have and will always reflect the general public's disdain for vouchers.. that's been documented. What is out of control is the ALEC lobbying and Koch Bros. control over any and all of this. They could care less about what the public wants, and have found ways to circumvent the need to answer to the public! | 1/19/2015 12:47 PM |
| 246 | stop it now!!!! | 1/19/2015 12:00 PM |
| 247 | Our public schools have in the past been consistently rated very high in the test results of students in many academic areas. As a result of funding cuts for programming and for staffing costs, there has been "slippage" in those scores. Morale among the staff in each of the public schools in our district is at an all time low; the branch of the UW in our community is noticing a significant drop in numbers of students pursuing teaching degrees because there is no respect or support for individuals who are teaching today. | 1/19/2015 10:45 AM |
| 248 | Larger class sizes, fewer staff. | 1/19/2015 10:31 AM |
| 249 | Public schools are regressing in so many ways due to lessened financing, no ability to negotiate conditions facilitate total learning and a lack of respect from our state. | 1/19/2015 10:22 AM |
| 250 | Do not spend taxpayer money on private or charter schools. | 1/19/2015 8:14 AM |

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| 251 | I don't care if someone wants to attend a private school, but then that is something they need to pay for themselves. Taking monies away from public schools cripple them with providing less staff, less curriculum choices, bigger classes, less services, etc., that they once could provide. Cutting money to the public school and giving it to private schools that do not have to follow the same rules as private schools, being able to test students with a choice of 3 or 4 tests, etc. is wrong. Everyone should be on a level playing field, all given the same test. How do you compare apples to oranges except they are both fruits (schools). | 1/19/2015 8:08 AM |
| 252 | public schools are hurting after the cuts. STOPIT! | 1/19/2015 5:27 AM |
| 253 | Students have the right to the best education available to them, whether it be our public schools or a private/charter school. | 1/18/2015 9:58 PM |
| 254 | Public education is free. Parents should be responsible for private schooling and should not receive a tax deduction. | 1/18/2015 8:06 PM |
| 255 | There is definitely lack of staff in the public schools yet increasing academic demands and behavioral problems! | 1/18/2015 4:48 PM |
| 256 | If people want to send their children to private schools, they should have to pay for it. Public schools should be given the funds they need to educate all children in their jurisdiction. Some areas will require more money than others. Standards should be rigorous. In some areas, parents should be required to attend school with their children. | 1/18/2015 3:54 PM |
| 257 | Vouchers are okay on a limited basis. Our school district has dealt with increased class sizes and no teacher raises in four years. | 1/18/2015 3:52 PM |
| 258 | Taxpayer money should not be used to support private schools. It should not even be constitutional to promote religious educational programming. | 1/18/2015 3:47 PM |
| 259 | Our district has cut positions in the classroom and are hiring only part time aides to avoid paying benefits, due to less money coming into the district. Class sizes are larger to avoid hiring more teachers. | 1/18/2015 2:58 PM |
| 260 | I do not think tax payers should be funding private schools. Private schools are "private" and should be financed by private money, NOT public money. I am a retired teacher and have not personally experienced the negative ramifications of the budget cuts to public education but have been reading articles, letters, reports, and conversing about the issues with teachers, administrators, and parents. No one is pleased with the changes caused by budget cuts which affect the education of our children -- staff reductions, changes in programming, loss of programming, less classroom materials for students, as well as the upkeep of the school buildings. Discussions of referendums, planning, writing and researching the best time to vote on the referendums are heard throughout the neighboring school districts. PEOPLE ARE UPSET WITH POLITICAL ACTIONS THAT RESULT IN CUTTING THE FUNDS FOR EDUCATION IN WISCONSIN. | 1/18/2015 2:54 PM |
| 261 | We need to give rural public schools the money they need to provide equal education to large districts and not give money to private schools! | 1/18/2015 2:44 PM |
| 262 | The cuts have hurt the districts with having enough funds to update technology or reading curriculum to ccss for elementary. Also seen a high school band program grow and not have enough uniforms for it's members. They are fundraising to buy more so everyone is dressed alike. | 1/18/2015 2:40 PM |
| 263 | Private schools save the government money for all of the students that attend their schools. | 1/18/2015 1:47 PM |
| 264 | I don't think taxpayer money should be use to fund private schools. If taxpayer money is used to fund private schools, those schools should be required to follow ALL the same rules as public schools. | 1/18/2015 12:51 PM |
| 265 | There's been a reduction of staffing, programming & services to all students in the public school setting. | 1/18/2015 11:16 AM |
| 266 | Every school in our district is overflowing, we don't have enough teachers for students with special needs, nor the space to house them if we did. We cannot get specialists to fill positions because our district refuses/cannot pay the competitive wages that specialists ask. We have become a revolving door for teachers because they stay only long enough to get experience then move to higher income districts, thus leaving us with a majority of inexperienced teachers and few mentors. | 1/18/2015 11:14 AM |
| 267 | All one has to do is look around the world to see that it is a terrible idea to mix religion and government. Throughout history taxes have supported various religious organizations and the consequences of those actions have resulted in wars, terrorism, and countless lives lost. No tax dollars should flow to religious organizations. The past and future cuts to the our public educational system are only about one thing - destroying the middle class and keeping people controlled by invisible yet forceful chains. | 1/18/2015 11:12 AM |
| 268 | As a person who went to a parochial school growing up, I have always believed that they should have to follow the same guidelines as public schools. Nothing should be allowed to take money away from public schools. | 1/18/2015 11:11 AM |
| 269 | All schools getting public funds should abide by same rules | 1/18/2015 8:55 AM |

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| 270 | Taxpayer money should be used only to fund public schools, which must meet the requirements of the state constitution to serve all children equally, and they should be accountable to the public. Taxpayer money should never be used to fund private schools or religious schools. | 1/18/2015 8:51 AM |
| 271 | I am totally against all forms of vouchers. Research shows voucher students do worse than public school students. Look at all the closings of voucher schools. No accountability builds greed. | 1/18/2015 7:37 AM |
| 272 | Subsidizing private schools for religious based education is not what taxpayers should have to deal with. I' m suspicious that it is just an attempt to give money to people that are already in private school settings.its unbelievable that accountability isn't a major requirement for voucher schools or any schools receiving taxpayer money. I object to closing out music and other educational offerings due to reduced funding. Wis. At one time had a great public education system. Let's not destroy it by moving funds to a private sector . People should pay for religious education if it is that strong a value. Reducing funds for public schools to manage religious values is not the way to go. Let's keep public school education strong in Wis. | 1/18/2015 7:10 AM |
| 273 | I do not believe ANY tax monies should go to private or religious schools. An American strength has been universal public education. Any private schools, religious or not, should be privately funded. Diverting public funds to private schools is hurting our public schools, which were already under funded. | 1/17/2015 11:34 PM |
| 274 | Our school board members have told me the voucher system is bad for education in WI and makes progressive education locally more difficult. They are universal in their dislike of this increase in voucher creep. | 1/17/2015 11:06 PM |
| 275 | Our rural schools are hurting and now they have to ask for more property tax money. | 1/17/2015 3:52 PM |
| 276 | This will bleed money from pubic schools which made America what it is. Free and equal education for all. There are ways to help under performing communities, which then would help the students in underperforming schools. Poverty is our biggest problem. Not the teachers and curriculum. | 1/17/2015 3:20 PM |
| 277 | I've seen reduced staffing and low morale in the public schools. | 1/17/2015 1:26 PM |
| 278 | taxpayer money should only be used if a public school cannot meet the needs of special needs kids. this is not to support dumping but to support alternative schools for kids who need alternative forms of education. | 1/17/2015 12:31 PM |
| 279 | Public money should not be used for any school that has a religious philosophy or doctrine. I am also opposed to using public dollars to transport students to religious schools. | 1/17/2015 11:48 AM |
| 280 | Our school budget and teacher budgets decrease annually. Retiring staff are not replaced. Special needs children are being managed with aides instead of teachers. Public school teachers are being asked to work more hours to meet the requirements of Teacher Effectiveness and Smarter Balance. These hours are on the teacher's own time. Private school teachers do not have their requirements placed on them. | 1/17/2015 10:59 AM |
| 281 | The voucher program is a very thinly veiled attempt by powerful people, using purchased governance, to privatize all commodities, from education to other public works, such as those very basic things like water and sewer. I firmly believe this to be true, as do many other of my more informed friends and acquaintances. If we cannot stop this absurdity when it comes to this nations children, that leaves us to a very sad fate, indeed. | 1/17/2015 10:53 AM |
| 282 | The money spent on private school vouchers has decreased the amount of money available for public schools.Class sizes have increased and elective courses have been reduced or eliminated, especially in smaller rural districts. | 1/16/2015 11:20 PM |
| 283 | Public schools are suffering because of these practices. | 1/16/2015 9:19 PM |
| 284 | I don't have kids so I'm not sure the impact on school district. We are having trouble affording the maintenance of one education system. We can't afford to do two separate systems. And voucher schools can close down whenever they feel like and can decline students they don't want. . | 1/16/2015 9:12 PM |
| 285 | I am against it in all cases--especially since it likely results in larger class sizes in public schools. | 1/16/2015 7:38 PM |
| 286 | reduced ability to attract and retain qualified teachers. decreases in programming, increase in class size to unmanageable numbers | 1/16/2015 7:20 PM |
| 287 | Larger class sizes make a huge difference in student learning! For administration, the easiest thing to do is add a student or two to a class. It does not impact them! Then we increase cost for everything else from lunch cost to participation fees. | 1/16/2015 6:11 PM |
| 288 | These cuts have hurt all public schools and all students. | 1/16/2015 5:46 PM |
| 289 | stop the nonsense | 1/16/2015 1:09 PM |
| 290 | Not a good idea | 1/16/2015 12:28 PM |
| 291 | Public education should be offered to all. There should be no support of schools not operated under the local school board. | 1/16/2015 12:21 PM |

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| 292 | some h s classes do not have textbooks-some duplicated pages instead. | 1/16/2015 10:44 AM |
| 293 | It is imperative that we support our public schools - we, the taxpayers. That's where our tax money should go. Public schools are the backbone of our communities, our economy and our electorate. | 1/16/2015 10:03 AM |
| 294 | Tax payers are paying plenty already to fund public schools. If certain parents want to send their students to a private school, they should find a way raise money for their child's education. The law allows certain funding for students to be allowed to attend public schools (that we tax payers are already paying a huge cost for). Parents who feel a particular public school is not good enough should either consider other public schools or find an alternative way to fund their child's education. | 1/16/2015 9:27 AM |
| 295 | Taxpayer money should not be used for private schools. | 1/16/2015 1:00 AM |
| 296 | Vouchers should only be used to give students in the most at-risk areas and will get more kids a fair education. | 1/15/2015 11:26 PM |
| 297 | NO taxpayer money should be given to private schools! | 1/15/2015 11:07 PM |
| 298 | Families with children with special needs who attend these voucher schools expect to have the same care and supports as in public schools and this requires more wasted tax dollars as state staff have to advocate with these voucher schools on behalf of families. | 1/15/2015 10:57 PM |
| 299 | I do not believe taxpayer money should be used to fund private schools. | 1/15/2015 10:54 PM |
| 300 | Public schools are hurting with the budget cuts. Teachers are feeling attacked | 1/15/2015 10:24 PM |
| 301 | WE have never gotten back all we have lost with the budget cuts. We have more difficult children...children with severe mental illnesses and disabilities in our schools, and we are doing the best we can with what we have, but they are suffering along with their peers. We need more teachers and assistants in our schools. | 1/15/2015 10:14 PM |
| 302 | Tax payer money should not be used to teach relegious beliefs | 1/15/2015 10:02 PM |
| 303 | Use taxpayer money only for public schools. | 1/15/2015 9:52 PM |
| 304 | If any public dollars are given to a private school, they should be open to the same inspections and rules as public schools. If someone wants their kids in private school, they should pay out of their own pocket for it. No tax breaks either. They had the choice to have public financed education through public schools. | 1/15/2015 9:13 PM |
| 305 | Private voucher schools drain away money drastically needed for public school education. So far they do no better for students than those in public schools. The voucher private school scenario is stifling improvement and goal reaching of public schools. It is total a wrong direction for education in Wisconsin. | 1/15/2015 9:06 PM |
| 306 | There should be no tax money paying for private schools. It is the parents choice to send their kids there. So they should have to pay for it. However They should be able to get tax credits like parents with younger kids in daycare. | 1/15/2015 7:27 PM |
| 307 | The staff in our district work so hard to give our students the education they deserve. They are doing this with fewer teachers, fewer supplies, ever changing requirements, testing, expectations and diminished and often nonexistent respect from the public. There is a misconception that public school teachers are overpaid which is so very far from the truth. I would challenge any one that believes this to spend one week in a classroom to see what those teachers do each day. I would encourage everyone to remember their days in school and the wonderful teachers that the had and to do what is right for the current students and teachers here in Wisconsin. After all, don't those students deserve that same wonderful public education that you had? | 1/15/2015 6:47 PM |
| 308 | I am not in favor if using taxpayer money for private schools. Public schools have larger classes with reduced staff. | 1/15/2015 5:58 PM |
| 309 | public funds should not support private schools. If public $$ is used then the school should follow all the state regulations as the public schools | 1/15/2015 5:06 PM |
| 310 | I think it is a political move to gain votes in elections as religious people are also more conservative. | 1/15/2015 4:39 PM |
| 311 | Should not be done but I do favor tax deductions with income caps since private schools relieve taxpayers for supporting students if they were in public schools. | 1/15/2015 4:32 PM |
| 312 | Public Schools are being intentionally underfunded by Walker and Republicans. | 1/15/2015 4:22 PM |
| 313 | "Fixing public ed. is a real hot button issue and a very political lever. Our polititians don't have the balls to take on this problem. | 1/15/2015 4:19 PM |
| 314 | Our public schools were created as the great equalizer, as all students would be offered the same opportunity for an education. This system has been successful, and admired world-wide. Of course, failure is inevitable, when funds are cut. Thus eliminate all vouchers, and let us return to the fine tradition of public school education. I must assume, that most of our legislators attended our public schools, and.....they are now reaping the benefits of that fine education. Please, no more funding of private & / or faith-based schools with taxpayer money. No more! | 1/15/2015 4:07 PM |
| 315 | I see low income students being deprived of equal education. | 1/15/2015 2:56 PM |

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| 316 | I support total elimination of tax-payer support of charter and religious schools. It would be one way to tackle our current state deficit. | 1/15/2015 2:11 PM |
| 317 | disgusting | 1/15/2015 1:58 PM |
| 318 | Public education is the strength and future of our electorate and country. To undermine it with publicly funded private schools is a travesty. | 1/15/2015 1:37 PM |
| 319 | Public schools should be well funded. Too much money being Spent on administration and new buildings instead of teaching. Well educated Wisconsinites are essential to the future of Wisconsin. | 1/15/2015 12:44 PM |
| 320 | I think there should be some income ceilings for families that receive vouchers. I know that the vouchers have helped students attend the Newman Catholic school system that couldn't have afforded to go otherwise. Also, kids in inferior public schools, especially in the inner city should be able to go to a better school...and if that means vouchers...then so be it. All public schools and private ones too need to be held to a high standard...and inferior teachers & administrators need to be weeded out. | 1/15/2015 11:45 AM |
| 321 | if you go to as private school - YOU pay for it NOT the tax payer. | 1/15/2015 10:58 AM |
| 322 | Programming, staffing at some of the schools in Madison that have high poverty and minority status have occurred, hurting the ones we should be helping the most. | 1/15/2015 10:45 AM |
| 323 | I am ver concerned that our pubic school system is very underfunded due to public funding for private schools. | 1/15/2015 10:20 AM |
| 324 | The practice of voucher schools results in public schools carrying all the responsibility for students who are asked to leave or choose to leave a voucher school because of behavior issues and unmet academic needs. This is has eliminated equal education and over burdened the public schools. | 1/15/2015 10:09 AM |
| 325 | Teacher pay has stagnated, and local officials are forced to go to referendum in order to adequately compensate the fine teachers in the district. Because the state has not supported public education adequately, local taxpayers are being forced to vote to increase property taxes if they want to pay teachers a competitive wage. The state should step up to support public education. | 1/15/2015 10:00 AM |
| 326 | No more cuts to funding of public schools. | 1/15/2015 9:44 AM |
| 327 | It is the responsibility of our government to provide public education to all students. Instead of changing to private (for profit) we need to work together to improve the overall quality of public education, so all students have the same opportunities. | 1/15/2015 8:19 AM |
| 328 | Separation between church and state is basic to our U.S. Constitution; there must be NO public financing of private education given often (right-wing) ideological bases. | 1/15/2015 7:31 AM |
| 329 | Private schools receiving vouchers should abide by all the requirements that apply to publicly funded schools. Private schools should be self-supporting as they have been in the past. | 1/15/2015 7:14 AM |
| 330 | No tax money for private schools it is a choice so it also should be paid for by the chooser!!!! | 1/15/2015 5:48 AM |
| 331 | I am supportive of alternative, new and creative approaches to education as no one learning style works for all. I believe local public schools should have the flexibility and nimbleness to respond to their community needs. I do not support the transfer of public dollars to private school entities that are not required to educate all children and do not have accountability to their local citizens. We cannot afford to fund to K-12 educational infrastructures and I believe strong public schools are essential to strong communities and strong economies. | 1/14/2015 11:32 PM |
| 332 | Except for transportation, taxpayer money should not be going to schools that are not public. | 1/14/2015 10:41 PM |
| 333 | This is helping students get the best education possible, and is forcing public schools to get their act together. The competition is good and healthy for everyone and should be expanded. Socialism doesn't work. Freedom of choice and competition is the true American way. The recent state level changes have saved the taxpayers a lot of money that the school districts can choose to use. Referenda are healthy and democratic. | 1/14/2015 10:20 PM |
| 334 | Taxpayer money should be used for public schools only. Money should be spent on Math, science, technology programs to make us more competitive and prepare our students to have better paying jobs. | 1/14/2015 9:59 PM |
| 335 | Tax payer money should not be used to fund private schools. Present teachers have a lot more work to do and put in many more hours each day since public education funds have been cut. Private school funding and funding to charter schools is discriminatory to students with disabilities and those who are low income. Public school funding should be increased so that every student has the right and privilege to a free, good education. Vouchering and funding charter schools is being done so that these selective schools and students, can not be held accountable to the public as public schools are required. The current state legislature who is proposing the charter schools and voucher system, are being lobbied by the greedy wealthy who are not concerned about lower and middle class. | 1/14/2015 9:47 PM |
| 336 | I would rather NOT fund Voucher/Private Schools. We've seen reduction in staff. Weve voted "yes" on funding public school referendums. | 1/14/2015 9:35 PM |

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| 337 | Our school struggles with less money every year, cuts are being continually made. | 1/14/2015 9:19 PM |
| 338 | Taxpayer monies should NOT be used to fund private schools. I fear our once-great public schools are maligned and strangled to pave the way for privatization and profit. Criminal--or ought to be. I was truly appalled when I saw how little money our local public school received in per-child state monies compared to what private schools were receiving. | 1/14/2015 9:03 PM |
| 339 | Public schools should be better funded and available to all state children. The state has cut funding too much and needs to stop diverting money to private schools - religious or other. Parents can send children to public school or opt to pay to go elsewhere. | 1/14/2015 8:51 PM |
| 340 | . | 1/14/2015 8:34 PM |
| 341 | I do not approve of tax payer money being diverted from public school because theses school do not have to follow the same mandates as the public school and they are not accountable for what they do. | 1/14/2015 8:27 PM |
| 342 | yes, teachers are not being replaced, budgets have been cut for teacher classroom materials. | 1/14/2015 8:24 PM |
| 343 | All schools that receive funds from the state should have to follow the same rules and regulations. | 1/14/2015 8:17 PM |
| 344 | Taxpayer money should never be used to fund schools in which they, the taxpayers, have no say. | 1/14/2015 8:13 PM |
| 345 | Any form of transferring funds from public schooling to private schools is not acceptable. | 1/14/2015 8:03 PM |
| 346 | Private schools should have to follow the same rules as public schools if they are receiving public funds. Public schools can't compete if they aren't on the same playing field. The rich will get richer and the poor will get poorer. | 1/14/2015 7:35 PM |
| 347 | Please read the book authored by George Lakoff entitled "The All New Don't Think of an Elephant" and start using value based messaging and framing. We have to get smarter about framing and messaging for public education. | 1/14/2015 7:27 PM |
| 348 | I have seen a large reduction in staff and programming and the | 1/14/2015 7:12 PM |
| 349 | It's a poor use of our tax dollars. Our district is tightening the belt every year & is coming back to use through referenda. That's not right when money is being wasted on the voucher schools many of which under-perform | 1/14/2015 7:01 PM |
| 350 | Public schools are struggling. Teachers can't make a fair living and that impacts my children's education. Highly qualified teachers are leaving due to the lack of support and down right hatred being shown. | 1/14/2015 6:50 PM |
| 351 | As a substitute teacher, I have witnessed first hand the "dilution" of talent in our public school classrooms, as private schools siphon off many of our brightest and best students, while being unable to serve the at-risk and disadvantaged students. | 1/14/2015 6:40 PM |
| 352 | I strongly believe in Catholic / religious based education. I believe that parents who send their children to Catholic / religious schools you should have the help of tax money. | 1/14/2015 6:07 PM |
| 353 | Experienced teachers are retiring early and beginning teachers have a pay scale that isn't on par with the extra duties being asked of them. I'm worried who will WANT to be a teacher long-term to become our experienced teachers given the new parameters and who will simply decide to look for work in the private sector instead. Teachers can't be innovative educators AND counselors AND social service workers AND statisticians, etc. | 1/14/2015 6:06 PM |
| 354 | I thunk it's a shame that our politicians don't see the value of funding public schools properly and what it could do for our economy and balancing the budget. | 1/14/2015 5:38 PM |
| 355 | The rhetoric is that voucher schools provide more choice for low-income families. But in reality, the voucher program widens the equity gap. | 1/14/2015 5:38 PM |
| 356 | The option of attending a private school should remain available to citizens but, tax revenue should not be used to support these schools which detract from the public schools revenue. | 1/14/2015 5:17 PM |
| 357 | Budgets are tight and its impacting what schools can offer students in terms of electives. | 1/14/2015 5:13 PM |
| 358 | I disagree vehemently with every and all education policies put forward since 2010 by Governor Scott Walker. | 1/14/2015 5:11 PM |
| 359 | In our local school district, there has been a reduction in staff and certain programs due to the state budget cuts. I am a retired educator (32 years in a public school) and it seems that the morale of teaching staff in most districts is the lowest I have ever seen. Teachers are feeling more stress because of all of the emphasis on testing and accountability; students seem stressed because of the continual testing that is required. Education should be a time when students are learning about academics as well as social interaction -- there's very little time for the students to relax and have fun learning, because there are always more tests and more expectations. I realize that we need to have expectations but the constant testing has gotten out of hand. | 1/14/2015 5:10 PM |
| 360 | It is wrong. Period. Frightening and wrong. | 1/14/2015 5:01 PM |

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| 361 | I had two children educated in parochial schools. I did not ask for, nor did I receive, any state aid for their tuition. This was a decision that may wife and I made because of our belief that religion should be a part of a child's education. It is not fair, nor is it good public policy, to make the taxpayers pay for all or part of the cost of a private school education. | 1/14/2015 4:39 PM |
| 362 | Public schools are already under-funded. Using public school money to fund private schools makes budgeting impossible. A reduction in staff hurts our children and their options for the future. | 1/14/2015 4:38 PM |
| 363 | It is appropriate to fund private schools with tax dollars--this money should be used to hire excellent teachers and implement strategies that move education in Wisconsin forward. | 1/14/2015 3:54 PM |
| 364 | We have a legal and moral responsibility to provide a free, public education to our children. | 1/14/2015 3:21 PM |
| 365 | I've seen what privatization has done to WISDOT where I worked for 39 years and don't want to see it "done" to our great public school system! | 1/14/2015 3:08 PM |
| 366 | I oppose taxpayer money to fund private schools, but I am in favor of income tax deductions to parents who send their children to private schools, but at the same time pay property taxes to fund public schools. | 1/14/2015 3:00 PM |
| 367 | The teacher's union has failed the poor and minority students in this state. Something has to change. | 1/14/2015 2:26 PM |
| 368 | Tax payer dollars should be for public schools only. If you don't like what public school offers, choose and pay for a private school. All schools, public, private, charter, voucher, should be held to the same standards FOR EVERYTHING! | 1/14/2015 2:20 PM |
| 369 | I fear WI will not longer educate students at the level we have always taken pride in. | 1/14/2015 2:15 PM |
| 370 | More competition will improve all schools | 1/14/2015 2:09 PM |
| 371 | It is fundamentally wrong. | 1/14/2015 2:08 PM |
| 372 | Our public schools have been loosing funding and making large cuts in staff and programs for years. The public is largely unaware of the drastic nature of these cuts. Teachers are demoralized but continue their work even with the pay cut taken with ACT 10. We need to stop saying "schools are failing" when the issues are really centered in urban schools,not all schools in the state.Walker's goal is to defund public schools. | 1/14/2015 2:03 PM |
| 373 | I have seen some of our very best public school teachers retire early or change professions due to the extreme pressures, loss of income, and criticisms laid on the teaching profession. I see cuts to the arts, higher student/teacher classroom ratio's, loss of valuable benefits to low-paid staff, and a loss of positions as funding dries up. Yet standards and responsibilities are higher for public schools while there are not standards or accountability from private voucher schools. I don't mind people having a choice of sending their kids to a private school, but it should not be @ the expense of public school funding. | 1/14/2015 1:25 PM |
| 374 | We all pay for public schools. Sending your child elsewhere should be funded by the parents. Funding schools other than the public school system short changes the public schools and makes them a dumping ground for students not accepted elsewhere. | 1/14/2015 1:20 PM |
| 375 | Taxpayer should not fund private school but they can get a tax deduction. | 1/14/2015 1:15 PM |
| 376 | Public money should be used for Public Schools. period. | 1/14/2015 1:14 PM |
| 377 | I think parents should be able to send their children to private schools if they choose to pay, but using taxpayer money diverts it from public schools and weakens the public school systems that assure a good education to all. | 1/14/2015 12:58 PM |
| 378 | no taxpayer funds | 1/14/2015 12:15 PM |
| 379 | no public funding of religion in schools PERIOD! | 1/14/2015 11:58 AM |
| 380 | If parents want their kids to get religious education, they should pay for it themselves. I DO NOT want my money paying for ideologies that are religion based. I firmly believe in separation of church and state, & my tax dollar is for STATE, not churches. The Legislature MUST make policy/law that conforms with the Constitution re: not establishing any "state religion" When my tax dollar is used to teach children religion, that is a VIOLATION of my state rights. | 1/14/2015 11:49 AM |
| 381 | I am totally opposed to public funds being given to religious schools. I believe it violates the principle of separation of church and state. | 1/14/2015 11:39 AM |
| 382 | There should be absolute separation of private schools and public schools. Parents opting to send their children to private schools should not look to the state for funding. | 1/14/2015 11:29 AM |
| 383 | The distribution of money is not equitable and hasn't been for some time. If you are a citizen of Wisconsin, your children should receive a equal share of the cost of education. | 1/14/2015 11:25 AM |

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| 384 | I do not want taxpayer money to fund private schools.The budget cuts to public education (elementary schools to universities ) have been cut and cut and cut since the 1970"s except the technical schools. And while support of technical education is very important and should not be considered 2nd rate education, it seems to be getting more and more funding while universities and colleges get less - which i do not think is right. | 1/14/2015 11:21 AM |
| 385 | Public education in this state is a disgrace. Chaos reigns in the class room; teachers have no ability to exercise discipline. Tenure should be eliminated; it is designed to protect incompetency in terms of teaching standards. | 1/14/2015 11:18 AM |
| 386 | Parents that choose to have their children in a private school, whether it is religious or not, should not use tax dollars to fund their choice. They could be provided with a tax exemption. | 1/14/2015 11:12 AM |
| 387 | Private schools should not receive any tax dollars. We pay taxes to support our community and our public schools. Private schools should be funded by their participants. | 1/14/2015 10:58 AM |
| 388 | Public schools are suffering because there is no separation of church and state. My church does NOT have schools..religious schools should pay 4 themselves and not use my tax dollars, teaching values contrary to my values. WI Constitution protects public education as it is written, not changed by those now in power in Madison. | 1/14/2015 10:56 AM |
| 389 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools. This places a financial hardship on local districts already facing budget cuts and forces the elimination of some worthwhile classes and extra-curricular programs essential to a well-rounded education. If parents want to send their kids to private schools, it should be their expense, | 1/14/2015 10:45 AM |
| 390 | I do not believe that taxpayer money should go to private schools. Many of these private schools using taxpayer money have closed. That taxpayer money was completely lost and then the students returned to a public school. Voucher school programs should be cut not expanded. There is no accountability that is published for the private schools. The public schools are required to test many times throughout the year. | 1/14/2015 10:40 AM |
| 391 | People choose to go private school, therefore, they need to pay for that choice. Public money should not be used to fund private school education. Additionally, public funds should not be used to promote any religious teaching. Public schools have been asked to do more with less money, especially large urban districts. Public schools face significant challenges already, fewer monies only exacerbate these challenges. We need to restore funding levels to public education to pre-Walker levels, and move private school/voucher money back to the public sector. | 1/14/2015 10:40 AM |
| 392 | I believe parents should have the option of sending their children to either public or private schools without a cost penalty for either choice. If parents choose to send their child(ren) to private or charter schools (charter schools aren't necessarily private -- they can by public), they should receive some kind of tax break. It unfairly favors public schools if parents are required to pay both full taxes and additional school tuition. Requiring public schools to compete for students will result in better, more competitive public schools. They will be better off in the long run. | 1/14/2015 10:37 AM |
| 393 | FOR A START, SUCH VOUCHERING IS UNCONSTITIONAL | 1/14/2015 10:33 AM |
| 394 | I feel the public schools have been forced to become much more efficient which is a good thing. They had a free reign for way too long and are now learning how to function like a business. Not bad at all! | 1/14/2015 10:28 AM |
| 395 | I am a resident of MN but spend approximately 5 months each year camping in Pepin WI and have many friends with young children in the area. | 1/14/2015 10:18 AM |
| 396 | Any business or school using tax money must be subject to state and federal oversight to ensure quality | 1/14/2015 10:11 AM |
| 397 | The taxpayer funding of private schools compromises the budget, staffing, and public concern for public schools. This trend is slowly eroding our public school system and will lead to an elitist society...more gap between affluent and struggling families. | 1/14/2015 10:05 AM |
| 398 | More efficient use of funds. | 1/14/2015 9:56 AM |
| 399 | I am opposed to using public funds for private schools. The parents who choose private education should have to pay the costs in full. | 1/14/2015 9:55 AM |
| 400 | Public education is granted to all. If you feel it does not meet your needs, You can search for your "better" education program on your won buck! | 1/14/2015 9:45 AM |
| 401 | This is wrong and should be discontinued. | 1/14/2015 9:41 AM |
| 402 | Our public schools have experienced reduced staffing, larger class size and reduced programs for exceptional learners. Faculty morale is at an all time low. | 1/14/2015 9:32 AM |
| 403 | I believe in public education and it must be top quality if we are to compete in the world. The money should not be diverted. | 1/14/2015 9:22 AM |
| 404 | We cannot support two school systems and therefore we should not use taxpayer funds to pay for private schools. | 1/14/2015 8:41 AM |
| 405 | Follow the money. Large corporations are supporting these initiatives for both religious reasons as well as "profits" off of the education of our young people. They have given millions to legislators throughout the country. | 1/14/2015 8:40 AM |

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| 406 | Concrete evidence indicates that morale in public schools throughout Wisconsin is already UNIVERSALLY low. This impacts both the emotional and learning climate that children face daily. Budget cuts, the funding of private education, and the general impact of Act Ten are having and will have not only a negative effect on Wisconsin's educational outcomes but on the economic climate of the state. This comes not from a citizen casually interested in education but from a thirty three year veteran of the Appleton Area School District, honored by that district and with a large following of parents and students. | 1/14/2015 8:15 AM |
| 407 | The public schools in my area are now having to ask in a referenda to fund technology and will have budget cuts again this year. | 1/14/2015 8:15 AM |
| 408 | The cuts are so unfair because the expense of voucher schools for a few has drastically limited the education for the majority. | 1/14/2015 6:45 AM |
| 409 | It's been tough to provide things that are needed! | 1/14/2015 4:48 AM |
| 410 | Get rid of them completely! | 1/14/2015 3:49 AM |
| 411 | I work with special needs kids at the high school level. This year the freshmen class brought in the highest group of low functioning kids that I've seen in my years with the Madison School District. These kids need one on one help throughout the school day and it's not possible because we do not have enough staff to provide what is best for the kids. | 1/14/2015 12:42 AM |
| 412 | Since the devastating cuts made by Walker in 2011, my school district has dramatically increased class sizes while reducing teachers. There have been significant cuts made to academic course offerings and some extracurricular activities. There is an overemphasis on reading and math at the elementary level (in order to boost test scores) to the almost total exclusion of grammar, social studies, geography and science. Students requiring special education services are having to fight for basic needs to be met and academic goals are set very low. Our Special Education Director frequently denies reasonable requests due to cost. Our district also discourages students with disabilities from accessing transportation services in order to save on cost. With the decreases in educational funding, several parents have noted that IEP meetings feel very adversarial instead of supportive. Also, since 2011 I've noticed more prejudice and segregation of students in my district, especially students with developmental disabilities. There is a significant lack of training for teachers to differentiate in the classroom. My district still tries to pressure parents to put their children in segregated, self-contained classes that teach "life skills" instead of academics - starting at the grade school level. I really thought this level of prejudice and ignorance would no longer exist by 2015! With an unqualified Special Education Director and too little funding, my district doesn't know the first thing about inclusive education. Several parents from my district have withdrawn their children to homeschool (due to their child's needs not being met) and several have transferred to neighboring districts where inclusive practices are already implemented. Public schools are supposed to follow IDEA and work collaboratively with parents. My district doesn't do either. There are no private schools in my area that accept students with complex needs. And private schools are not required to accept or to teach students with disabilities. I think that public taxpayer money should be invested in making community public schools better. DPI needs to fill all their vacancies for compliance officers. DPI needs more teeth to enforce existing regulations and to perform independent audits. Families need more leverage to advocate successfully for their children. (Having to withdraw to home school a child with disabilities in order to keep her out of a self-contained classroom? In 2015?! That's inexcusable!) Admin and teachers need much much more training in what Inclusive Education means and how to put it into practice. Teachers need much more training on best-practice, research-based inclusive practices and how to differentiate. Every single district should have a Parent Liaison, a Special Education Committee able to make recommendations to respective School Boards, and annual Parent/student satisfaction surveys that are shared with DPI and with publicly posted results. The answer to failing public schools is not to privatize them. The answer is to invest in our communities, fully train staff, fully collaborate with families, and fully fund special education services. | 1/14/2015 12:26 AM |
| 413 | Our small rural school district (Pepin) is being destroyed by the broken state funding formula. I have little hope that the dipshits in Madison care at all about this, and even less that they will take any action to help us. | 1/13/2015 11:54 PM |
| 414 | It seems there are fewer services for the talented and gifted. Schools and teachers are being pressured not to suspend students even when disruptive and deserving of suspensions. | 1/13/2015 11:13 PM |
| 415 | No funding for private schools | 1/13/2015 10:55 PM |
| 416 | Taxes should not be used to fund private education. Private schools should have to follow mandated rules just as public schools do. | 1/13/2015 10:54 PM |
| 417 | The significant cut to funding has and will continue to have a negative impact on student learning. This has reduced staffing and resources which in turn impacts students' learning. There is not enough staff , resources or alternative programs for students struggling in the classroom. The people making these decisions do not see the daily struggles of teachers trying to establish relationships with students and meet their needs. | 1/13/2015 10:37 PM |

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| 418 | taxpayer money should go towards public schools or charter schools (run by public schools) only. No public money should support voucher schools. Budget cuts are severely curtailing the schools ability to provide quality education to all children, and reduction on benefts/rights for teachers is causing many good teachers to leave the profession. | 1/13/2015 10:16 PM |
| 419 | No way should tax dollars EVER pay for private schools, especially religious schools. | 1/13/2015 10:06 PM |
| 420 | We have had multiple positions eliminated as teachers retired. | 1/13/2015 10:00 PM |
| 421 | I think people should be able to educate their chil where they wish and each child should receive equal funding for whatever school they wish as long as it is an accredited school | 1/13/2015 10:00 PM |
| 422 | Voucher schools should be held accountable just like public schools in all areas. | 1/13/2015 9:54 PM |
| 423 | We have seen an increasing number of students accessing World Language instruction, yet have received no additional allocation. Therefore our class sizes are huge and unwieldy. We are not able to give individual attention and feedback to students as often as would be preferred. We also see a referendum which is asking taxpayers to pay for huge maintenance projects and updates to school buildings in our district. | 1/13/2015 9:53 PM |
| 424 | Noted an increase in retirement of highly skilled experienced teachers after ACT 10. | 1/13/2015 9:36 PM |
| 425 | From my experience working in a large, urban district these measures have had an extremely negative impact on the education of students. For example, massive reductions in programming and staffing, lack of essential teaching resources, and having to use outdated and/or inferior technology. | 1/13/2015 9:17 PM |
| 426 | Eliminate the voucher program and fix the school funding formula so small and rural schools get the funding they need. | 1/13/2015 8:48 PM |
| 427 | good people are leaving teaching as the future to get adequate salaries is not there. | 1/13/2015 8:33 PM |
| 428 | Public funds should not be used to pay for private school, ever, for any reason. | 1/13/2015 8:13 PM |
| 429 | higher class numbers - some at 40, fewer psychologists, severe substitute shortage, zero professional development cost assistance, high deductible insurance plans, reduced building space, technology and teachers for alternative education | 1/13/2015 8:02 PM |
| 430 | For years it has been clear that vouchers do not remedy the inequities they were designed to address in Milwaukee, or other communities. Stop wasting money and use research to build better public schools | 1/13/2015 8:01 PM |
| 431 | Using taxpayer money for private schools is totally unfair to the taxpayer and public school students. | 1/13/2015 7:54 PM |
| 432 | I do not agree with tax dollars going for voucher schools. It has hurt my public school. | 1/13/2015 7:33 PM |
| 433 | some sort of accountability needs to be made...if a student moves...that money moves with them | 1/13/2015 7:30 PM |
| 434 | I do not think taxpayer money should not go to fund private..no way! | 1/13/2015 6:46 PM |
| 435 | There are three issues that must be addressed in order to provide a quality education to our children: 1) reform the school funding formula, 2) restore previous funding cuts and 3) develop an economic policy that addresses poverty. | 1/13/2015 6:33 PM |
| 436 | When budget cuts were first introduced, our small school district was forced to cut its staff by 10%. Custodial services were outsourced, which brought in a staff with a higher rate of turnover. Some of these staff members came to work intoxicated and brought drugs into the schools. Fifth grade chorus was eliminated. We left that school district for a larger district that was able to withstand the dramatic cuts a bit better. | 1/13/2015 6:29 PM |
| 437 | Other States have seen the downfall of any credible public education system when they have this type of funding. I am very worried for Wisconsin | 1/13/2015 6:13 PM |
| 438 | Our public school teachers are stressed and our children are suffering because of this. We can no longer be proud of our state's education system | 1/13/2015 6:07 PM |
| 439 | taxpaper money should not be used to fund private schools | 1/13/2015 5:48 PM |
| 440 | No taxpayer funds for private or voucher schools. | 1/13/2015 5:45 PM |
| 441 | No taxpayer money should be used to fund private schools. More money needs to be give to public schools. | 1/13/2015 5:44 PM |

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| 442 | Many Private schools already have foundations or programs to help people who wish to send their children to that school. Some people believe that a private or parochial school is "something extra". I continue to believe that their needs to be a separation of church/private and State. Public schools need to stay "free." Public schools purpose is to make it fair that all children receive the opportunity for a basic education. If a family wants more, then pay more and fill out the paper work to ask for that help to have that "more". I went to parochial school and I am glad for it. We also attended public school. Some years we could not afford it. My family struggled to come up with those payments and I struggled to come up with those payment for my own children. It is my responsibility as a parent to make this choice and fund the choice if I want more for my children. That "more" is the traditions, possible religious and/or focus of the school. We had an excellent public school system. Often public schools could do more such as have Bachorlaurette programs for students who wished to do more or could achieve more. The public schools at times were able to do more then the private schools. "Funding" or perhaps priorities/budgeting changed that. Getting a break in deductions at tax time should be enough to address this. It seems like double dipping. I am not in favor of that. I know from experience and from others that there are resources available, however you must do the work to earn it. There are many students I know in private funded school who receive scholarships, education stipends, use workstudy... it may be more effort and that is a good thing, it builds character. Some families, people who are more affluent donate money to these foundations where the scholarships come from. Some do not have children of their own or, their children are grown. They get a tax deductions too. There are hard choices out there. I feel the mire of complicating education with the voucher system can be easily cleaned up by repealing it. We need to stop making things fuzzy. Let an apple be an apple. Let an orange be an orange. I am econmicaly disadvantaged too, it is hard out there. I feel I do not have the right to make it harder on someone else. I have equal opportunity to ask for help. I also must accept it when it is a situation where I can not be given what another does not have to give. I do not believe that the State of Wisconsin's average tax payer has it to give, this additional money for a voucher system to continue. Education is a vocation, not a factory, childcare or manufactoring firm. It is part of our way of life. Our decision on the "how" we are going to be an educated state, nation and people needs to stop standing in the way of each other. It needs to passionately support our future. Public schools worked hard to have similar standards statewide. Many public schools did perform better then some private schools. Was the "indentified weakest link" really described accurately? In Milwaukee, where I understood the voucher system to begin, what was going on as a large city did not mean it needed to be blanketed across the whole state. Though out my life I have heard; "If you do not like it, change it or move." Sometimes moving means just that. Do the work. I believe in the laws of nature. #1 Everything is connected #2 Everything must go somewhere. #3 There is no such thing as a free lunch. The taxpayer money that has been paid out for education has been about an investment. That is what I believe. Of course I have more to say. This is enough for now. | 1/13/2015 5:38 PM |
| 443 | I have not thought that tax payer money should be used to fund private schools (over 45 years). We need to provide more support not only in funding but participation in our local public schools. They should be places where families can come in the evenings for activiites. | 1/13/2015 5:32 PM |
| 444 | Any attempt to continue or increase the voucher program, ultimately the privatization of our public schools, is a violation of Article X of the Wisconsin Constitution. | 1/13/2015 5:15 PM |
| 445 | Public schools are suffering due to cuts to our budgets. We have very limited resources and can feel the strain from the reductions. | 1/13/2015 5:08 PM |
| 446 | Schools are serving an increasingly needy population with fewer and fewer staff and resources. The cuts are devastating to the morale of faculty and to the growth of student success. We need more innovative programming, electives. clubs with paid sponsors...the things that get kids to attend school! Our community is going to have to pay for the undereducation of students at some point...why not choose to educate. | 1/13/2015 4:45 PM |
| 447 | Undoubtedly the impact in Appleton has been dramatic. Wisconsin has always supported public education for all. If you want to send your child to private religious based schools that is your right just don't ask all of us to pay for it. | 1/13/2015 4:36 PM |
| 448 | I believ it is unethical to use public tax payers money to fund private education and especially faith based curriculum and teaching. Schools are hurting for resources deeply, funds, materials and supplies equipment and technology and job allocation. It seems clear that public education is under attack by the right wing! | 1/13/2015 4:35 PM |
| 449 | I have used private and public schools for my children at different times and that should be every parents option. | 1/13/2015 4:25 PM |
| 450 | taxpayer money for private schools hurts pubic schools | 1/13/2015 4:23 PM |
| 451 | Tis is an outright attack on public schools | 1/13/2015 4:23 PM |
| 452 | It seems reasonable that voucher schools have the same accountability as public schools. Children with disabilities should not be ignored. Public schools do a great service to our nation. This whole voucher system is stupid. We are not dealing with the same population. Families are very different. It seems to me that if we as a country do not recognize the power of public schools in bridging the money gap, we will regret it. | 1/13/2015 4:17 PM |
| 453 | Eventually small schools in northern Wisconsin will be gone having been taken over by private or charter schools. It has to be stopped. | 1/13/2015 4:17 PM |

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| 454 | it is disturbing to see how public schools have to beg for supplies from the students families in order to maintain the classrooms | 1/13/2015 4:13 PM |
| 455 | I do not believe taxpayer money should be used to pay for Private schools, at all. If a parent want their child to go to private school they should find a way to pay for it. Our local school is trying to keep operating by using referendums. They also fall into the "rich district" hole, while 80% of the students qualify for free breakfast and lunch. | 1/13/2015 4:04 PM |
| 456 | There have been so many cuts that there's nothing left to take. It's definitely having an effect on students and staff. | 1/13/2015 3:46 PM |
| 457 | Definitely not in favor of this. We are moving to two parallel school systems in this state. | 1/13/2015 3:17 PM |
| 458 | The creation of more tax-payer vouchers to go to private schools is taking away public school money & harming those children. We have more public school children than private school children. So we are taking away more money meant for the masses and giving it to a program that will affect fewer children. The education of our children is our future. It isn't right that majority of our children will get the raw end of the deal because our legislators want to privatize the educational system. | 1/13/2015 3:05 PM |
| 459 | Tax payer money should not be used to fund private schools, especially religious based schools. I see a conflict of church and state screaming to be corrected. Public school cannot meet the demands placed upon them with funding being cut and transferred to charter, religious or other private schools. A charter school set up by a university or within a school district by the district as a specialty school would be the only acceptable alternative. Busing between districts also needs to be stopped. If parents choose to send their children to schools in neighboring districts, they need to be responsible for transportation. | 1/13/2015 2:45 PM |
| 460 | From my responses, it should be clear how I stand on the issue of taxpayer funding of so-called school choice. BF. | 1/13/2015 2:28 PM |
| 461 | Basically the actual first voucher proposal which was done by progressives in the inner city- it was aimed not at children in school but at expanding access to drop outs and push outs in mainly the Chicago public school system to a means to complete their education and get a high school degree or GED- it was outcome based- that should be explored as an alternative to the current system as it really addresses the needs of children already outside of school. There needs to be more exploration of the needs of children and approaches they need to succeed and less on the needs of adults and corporations. | 1/13/2015 2:09 PM |
| 462 | Our school district is hurting, having to go to referendum every time to close budget gaps is not a wise decision, as no one is ever going to vote to raise their taxes in a very conservative county. | 1/13/2015 2:02 PM |
| 463 | Fortunately, my "children" are adults so I have no experience with current staffing/program reductions. BUT I am very concerned about this trend. | 1/13/2015 1:51 PM |
| 464 | Taxpayer money should fund public schools not private voucher programs that are not accountable for their students' progress. I taught in WI for 25 years. | 1/13/2015 1:44 PM |
| 465 | I'm seeing more and more teachers getting out of the profession - these are people who are well trained and knowledgeable about how to teach. It is ridiculous that private schools can hire "teachers" with no education or experience in teaching. | 1/13/2015 1:36 PM |
| 466 | Our public school system is wonderful. We don't have resources to fund a second (voucher) school system in WI. | 1/13/2015 1:26 PM |
| 467 | Rural school districts are being shortchanged by current funding formulas. No religious classes should be paid for by taxpayer money. Scientific research results should be used to improve public school curriculums for a better education for all Wisconsin children. | 1/13/2015 12:49 PM |
| 468 | Despicable. | 1/13/2015 12:49 PM |
| 469 | Although some of our public schools need improvement, I have never thought that taking money away from them is the answer. I think there is a conservative movement to reduce or eliminate public schools, but I believe they are an important foundation of democracy. | 1/13/2015 12:47 PM |
| 470 | We cannot afford to pay for a second statewide school system of private schools. The WI Constitution requires the state to provide public schools for all Wisconsin children and that should be the #1 priority for our state. Instead, the state cuts funding to our local public schools which increases the tax burden on local property tax owners. The cap on property taxes means schools are forced to go to referendums for basic operating funds. Our schools are labeled as "under performing" because students are testing as well as expected. We have high levels poverty in our school district and children living in poverty don't test well. Yes, most people own homes in our district, but if anyone would look beyond the surface, they would see that local property owners inherited their old houses from their parents. They may own a house, but they are struggling to pay their bills and feed their family because they are earning poverty wages. | 1/13/2015 12:43 PM |
| 471 | Our school district closed our school. You don't want my opinion of this. | 1/13/2015 12:31 PM |
| 472 | I am not in favor of taxpayer money funding private schools. | 1/13/2015 12:29 PM |

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| 473 | The issue i see in PUBLIC schooling is that when there is an issue or a problem, (which does not have a predetermined protocol set up to deal with the problem) the problem goes unanswered. And often those protocols don't salve the problem anyway they may even make things worse. I've heard NUMEROUS stories of abuse happening in public schools. Now the issue I see with voucher schools, is that it's the same thing as a public school, except instead of being FORCED to deal with difficult students, they can just ignore them and kick them out of the school. What would be nice is if better counseling was available to students (especially in high school), and schools and teachers were appropriately treated for their actions (IE receiving appropriate and FAIR punishments for failing to teach students, and receiving rewards for helping students who have a history of doing badly). | 1/13/2015 12:20 PM |
| 474 | Cutting education costs can only hurt the future of Wisconsin especially since Humanities and the Arts are generally hit first and hardest. I would love to see a more equal program implement with easy access to any school private, charter or public. However if our tax dollars our being used to run a school than we , the public, should have a controlling democratic voice in how the schools are being run. I do Prefer the idea of attaching an equal sum of money to all children born within a year and letting the parents take that money to whatever school they deem best for their child. It would promote healthy competition between schools and would likely increase school standards; I find it ridiculous that our so called capitalist nation is afraid of competition within our schools when we promote it every where else. | 1/13/2015 12:16 PM |
| 475 | Separation of church and state! Most school districts are in dire straits due to budget cuts. | 1/13/2015 12:10 PM |
| 476 | I would prefer that taxpayer money go to fund public ed. If money is given to private schools, the schools should have the exact accountability standards as public schools. | 1/13/2015 12:09 PM |
| 477 | We have seen reduced funding and classes and a referendum has failed. | 1/13/2015 12:03 PM |
| 478 | Your questions are part of the problem here. They make it seem like the answers are simply yes or no. That is not the case. Everything is much more complicated than your questions allow for in the responses. I am opposed to the expansion of vouchers without income caps, but I would caution how you extrapolate the information from the data you are collecting. | 1/13/2015 11:52 AM |
| 479 | I am not in favor of vouchers or the state of education in Wisconsin. | 1/13/2015 11:50 AM |
| 480 | Money spent on voucher schools should go to the public schools to improve them. | 1/13/2015 11:42 AM |
| 481 | Public schools, when supported fully are the mainstay of our democracy. I do not agree with spending public dollars on private schools. The school district is doing as well as it can but the cuts are widening the achievement gap through high numbers in classrooms, getting rid of programs such as art, music and some sports and losing social work and other outside the classroom assistance for students who have greater emotional needs. Every student failure is the teacher's fault without looking at the socio-economic system outside of the school. | 1/13/2015 11:39 AM |
| 482 | Wisconsin legislators and violating the state constitution by failing to provide public education for all Wisconsin students. | 1/13/2015 11:39 AM |
| 483 | Funds should go to improve public education. Raising standards and accountability | 1/13/2015 11:35 AM |
| 484 | My district has actually seen improvements in ACT scoring and has seen graduation rates sky rocket since the state changed the school's budget. | 1/13/2015 11:25 AM |
| 485 | The voucher school movement is divisive and will lead to elitism. | 1/13/2015 11:21 AM |
| 486 | The private school expansion is just for the rich. It does not help the poor or special needs students. The public schools need more money not more to help with all these needs. It is just separating the rich from the poor. | 1/13/2015 11:06 AM |
| 487 | My school district has declined in quality since recent budget cuts and I would rather taxpayer money go to improving those public schools than funding private ones | 1/13/2015 10:54 AM |
| 488 | I am not totally against vouchers if the playing field is level ie have to follow state rules in regard to handicapped individuals, unruly students, testing etc. I also don't think voucher schools have to provide for English as a second language. I also value qualified educators which I am willing to support (ie education degrees) Not just anyone can teach. I am particularly opposed to public funds supporting religious education. | 1/13/2015 10:53 AM |
| 489 | Parents have the right to send their children to private schools if they so choose, however, no public funds should be spent on private schools. | 1/13/2015 10:53 AM |
| 490 | We should only be supporting public education as our constitution states. | 1/13/2015 10:47 AM |
| 491 | Restore and increase funding to public schools; remove ALL support to private education and eliminate ALL vouchers for private schools. eliminate | 1/13/2015 10:36 AM |
| 492 | Private schools should be privately funded. | 1/13/2015 10:33 AM |
| 493 | I feel this program undermines public schools. If the current state government is against handouts to the poor for food and medical support this has no place in their program. | 1/13/2015 10:24 AM |

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| 494 | A lot of cuts have been made in our local school district. | 1/13/2015 10:20 AM |
| 495 | I believe parents shouldn't be limited to only the public schools where they live - taxpayer money should follow a kid from Milwaukee to Wauwatosa and vice versa so there is true public school choice. Voucer schools are a scam, though I don't mind if parents get a tax credit towards their tuition because they are saving the public the cost of educating that child. | 1/13/2015 10:14 AM |
| 496 | I do not want my taxes to fund private schools/voucher schools. Whatever monies used for this should be funneled back to public schools. | 1/13/2015 10:13 AM |
| 497 | When public funds are diverted to private entities without oversight and accountability we all lose. | 1/13/2015 10:11 AM |
| 498 | One concern I have is that there were not immediate consequences felt by our community becauser our teachers continue to work hard to provide the best education they can, even with limited resources. We would like to expand some programs, such as world language and our very successful science charter program but there is no funding to do this. We have old buildings requiring much upkeep and updatiing and will need to continue to ask the tax payers to pass referendums just to keep them in working order. | 1/13/2015 9:50 AM |
| 499 | i do not support public tax dollars funding religious indoctrination of any kind. anybody with half a brain can see the writing on the wall...that there is a systemic effort to rid our nation of the idea of a free and equal quality public education for all children and a takeover attempt by private and religious zealots which will bring back segregation and discrimination in many forms ( whether it be color/ race/ethnicity, gender, economic, special needs) funneling more money into bureaucrats rather than going to children and the educators who should be supported for they are the professionals with the credentials (hopefully) we entrust to give our kids the best chances in developing their potential and preparing them for a life of independence and success in whatever field(s) they choose. | 1/13/2015 9:31 AM |
| 500 | Staffing levels have been reduced in my district in the areas critical to closing the achievement gap, namely in staffing that provides support to all English language learners (and not just those who speak Spanish as their first language) and in Special Ed support staff. For ELL students, less support means there is reduced teaching time in the critical areas of academic vocabulary and oral language in general. There also is insufficient staffing to provide context and vocabulary to the lessons being taught, making it harder for students to be on par with their English-speaking peers. When there is inadequate behavior support for classroom teachers, very little learning takes place for any of the students because the teacher's focus is on containing behavior rather than on teaching. Additionally, reduced special ed funding can mean that students who would qualify for Special Ed are being identified later, after they are 2 or more years behind their peers. It is extremely difficult for those students to ever reach grade level standards because the learning deficits are so profound and the amount of academics that must be recouped, with fewer resources to support them, are immense. | 1/13/2015 9:22 AM |
| 501 | Our White Lake School district is suffering greatly!! The retirees in this community refuse to vote a referendum in to exceed the cap by $50,000 for the next three years. We live in a small, economically challenged community and we have no school funds!! Our kids should not have to suffer because of this. Our school has cut corners in every possible way. The next option is closing. I won't have that. It's just wrong! | 1/13/2015 9:21 AM |
| 502 | It's evil GOP social engineering. | 1/13/2015 9:20 AM |
| 503 | Private schools should not receive public funding unless they are contracted for services. | 1/13/2015 9:18 AM |
| 504 | The constitution provides for separation of church and state. Some religious schools do a good job of educating students, some not. Students must be taught true science, not creation. Some for profit voucher schools are a joke, kicking students out after the 3rd Friday, closing in the middle of the year, keeping the money, and using substandard teachers. This must end. The public school system needs to be supported and assisted when necessary. | 1/13/2015 9:07 AM |
| 505 | Reform the funding model that hurts small rural schools with low populations and low incomes that are treated like "rich" districts because of non-resident homeowners' prooerty values. | 1/13/2015 9:04 AM |
| 506 | Taxpayer dollars should NOT go to private schools AT ALL. | 1/13/2015 8:55 AM |
| 507 | Public schools are cutting staff and excellent teachers are leaving education due to the turmoil in schools over lack of funding in many areas including salary and benefits which have been drastically reduced. | 1/13/2015 8:49 AM |
| 508 | It needs to end. I do not want my tax dollars going to religion based schools! | 1/13/2015 8:36 AM |
| 509 | This reform would take funds away from public schools and therefore leaving many students without there right to a good education. I believe taxpayer dollars should not be used for religious schools. I believe that is unconstitutional. | 1/13/2015 8:35 AM |
| 510 | Taxes that are collected involuntarily should be abolished as it is unconstitutional. This goes for public schools, police forces, roads, etc. | 1/13/2015 8:31 AM |
| 511 | Everyone should have same requirements and accept all students which include all disabilities. If not you have reverse discrimination. Use my $, everyone held to equal standards. | 1/13/2015 8:27 AM |
| 512 | I am against | 1/13/2015 8:20 AM |

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| 513 | Eliminate taxpayer support of any private schools, and invest more in making public schools as great as possible. | 1/13/2015 8:11 AM |
| 514 | I have seen nothing but a decline in funding to public schools, teachers spending their own wages to buy standard classroom supplies (e.g. construction paper, glue, scissors, their own funds to copy documents). I feel that the State funding for public schools while encouraging more and more voucher schools does not allow public schools to keep up with technology investments that would improve our children's education. The political conservatism in funding schools under Republican leadership continues to increase the number of "have's" who chose to go to voucher or religious schools and virtually ensures that the public schools deal with the "have nots," creating greater disparity in the number of youth prepared for secondary education or the job market. | 1/13/2015 7:54 AM |
| 515 | Our staff has been asked to do many extra tasks throughout the day. They work hard to differentiate lessons for students, but are not given extra time to plan or prepare. Instead, overall class size has increase, recess and lunch duties have increased. How does one stay well prepared? | 1/13/2015 7:53 AM |
| 516 | If your family can't afford private school then you should go to public school like the rest of the population. | 1/13/2015 7:47 AM |
| 517 | Vouchers by nature hurt public education, a hallmark of our democracy. | 1/13/2015 7:29 AM |
| 518 | I don't believe the state can afford to run two separate school systems. Providing quality special education programs are expensive and place and an unfair burden on public school for two reasons: 1. It is gobbling up budgets from continually decreasing state funding. 2. In order to meet the least restrictive mandate many special ed. students must be in classes with regular ed. students. As the number of vultures schools rise the proportion of special ed students in public schools also rises creating a more difficult learning environment for both regular ed and special ed students. | 1/13/2015 7:27 AM |
| 519 | I do not want my tax dollars going to pay for private school vouchers. I do not want my tax dollars paying for religious education. If parents want to send their children to private religious schools then they should pay for the cost themselves. What ever happened to the separation of church and state? Some religious schools teach that girls/women are not equal to men. I do not want my tax dollars going to support the teaching of inequality and sexism. Some religious schools teach creationism and do not teach evolution. I do not want my tax dollars going to schools that are anti-science. | 1/13/2015 7:23 AM |
| 520 | I believe if parents want to send their children to private school, that is their choice and their expense. Our public schools have been reducing budgets, reducing staff, underpaying teachers and continually have to bare burdens that should be covered by tax payer dollars. | 1/13/2015 7:21 AM |
| 521 | Our public education system is being bled dry to justify tax funds paying for private education. Defunding our schools will not improve their performance. | 1/13/2015 7:04 AM |
| 522 | Rather than protecting the current institutions, focus on the effectiveness of competition in the area of education. Results matter and some of our public schools fail to prepare our young people for life. There would not be a demand for private schools if the public schools were so good. | 1/13/2015 7:02 AM |
| 523 | Staff morale is way down. | 1/13/2015 6:37 AM |
| 524 | As a 25 year veteran teacher in our state, I have never had to work harder than I have the past two years to ensure success for all. The demands on public school teachers keeps increasing with less and less resources and time available to do the job we know children need us to do! | 1/13/2015 6:36 AM |
| 525 | I do not agree with using taxpayer money for private schools. | 1/13/2015 6:27 AM |
| 526 | I have seen great reductions in staffing and programs in public schools. Administration then complains about open enrollment and vouchers being such a problem, but they have nothing they can offer as an incentive to bring students into the district. The demands on classroom teachers have increased to such a point that it is becoming extremely difficult to meet the needs of the students in the classroom because there is no support system of personnel available. The classroom teacher can not do the job of meeting the needs of all students when they are the only adult in the classroom. Also, there is a HUGE lack of respect right now for the classroom teacher, both from administration and the public. | 1/13/2015 6:22 AM |
| 527 | Tax money should not be used to fund private schools | 1/13/2015 6:22 AM |
| 528 | This goes against separation of church & state which is the cornerstone of our freedom. | 1/13/2015 5:40 AM |
| 529 | I am most concerned by money being diverted to educate students who are not low-income, the available tax refunds, and preserving the rights of special needs students. | 1/13/2015 4:30 AM |
| 530 | We are funding private/voucher/charter schools at the expense of public school districts, which have already taken a huge hit due to recent budget cuts. The strength of a democracy is predicated on excellent public schools that are indeed vital, locally run, accountable and not subject to political agendas.Wisconsin was once a banner state for a superior public education system but under Scott Walker, we are losing that status. | 1/13/2015 1:45 AM |
| 531 | Rather than create duplicate school systems lets work together to make the Public Schools we have better and encourage teaching of religious education at Church. | 1/13/2015 12:31 AM |

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| 532 | Free public education is a vital element of our democracy. I oppose the use of public funds to support private education. | 1/13/2015 12:01 AM |
| 533 | Reduction in staffing | 1/12/2015 11:16 PM |
| 534 | My children went to public schools until my oldest was in 7th grade and my youngest was in 4th. I was hired to teach at a Catholic school and paid tuition. This was a personal choice and I think anyone that makes this decision should be willing to pay the price of a religious education. If there is a hardship in the family, the church usually makes some type of adjustment to the tuition. | 1/12/2015 11:11 PM |
| 535 | we cannot afford to run two separate school systems. The voucher system was advertised as a way for lower income students in struggling districts to get into a better school, but these schools don't have to follow the same rules as the public schools, and most of the students getting vouchers are not students from families without means to afford a private school it is a subsidy to those families who already choose to have their children attend a private school. Just another gift to well to do families at the expense of the rest of our children in the district and state. | 1/12/2015 10:29 PM |
| 536 | My local school district has cut and cut and it is affecting programs and morale. | 1/12/2015 10:28 PM |
| 537 | If public money is used than it is only far that all parties that receive that money has to play by the same rules. If the the current bill passes to become a law, then I can't wait until parents who have a child that is not accepted in the local private charter school has to get their child to the nearest school district that will accept their child with special needs. If the current budget shortfall is not enough then with the settlements from all the lawsuits for not following the "free and appropriate education" will make that look like pocket change. If the "penalty" for a public school failure is that it becomes a private charter school (which doesn't follow the plank of giving the power back to the local people) what happens to the private charter school? If the past is a hint to the solution a lot of them will fail with all our tax dollars going to private charter owners from other states and we end up with uneducated children. | 1/12/2015 10:27 PM |
| 538 | Private schools are just that PRIVATE. so why should taxpayers pay for them at all? It puts public schools in jeopardy, especially in rural and low income areas. | 1/12/2015 10:14 PM |
| 539 | State taxes should be used for the public, not private, benefit and there should be transparent accountability for any entity receiving taxpayer funding. | 1/12/2015 10:12 PM |
| 540 | There is no reason to. Private schools are independent. If they don't have to follow the rules that every other school has to follow, they aren't getting my money. The MMSD is not coping. It happens to be that the schools on the west side, where the city is growing, have support from a wealthy community. I'm not sure about La Follette, but Madison East has over 50% of students on free and reduced lunch. Just about all the support we get is from the district. Over half the school walked out in spring 2011 to the capitol when Walker royally fucked our teachers in the ass. Cuts in education funding hit our school hard when it happens, and everyone notices. It is a very common subject to overhear teachers talking about. | 1/12/2015 10:10 PM |
| 541 | Public schools are forced to absorb the cost of educating students from voucher schools when they are removed or counseled out of the voucher school. The public schools educate all children regardless of status (poverty, behavior, special education needs). The costs of educating high needs students is more than the cost of the average student. High needs students also tend to have lower test scores which are being used to unfairly compare the quality of the school. | 1/12/2015 9:56 PM |
| 542 | I have no school age children so do not know the total impact of the cuts to the schools. I do know that the cuts have reduced programming and staffing. I am opposed to voucher schools! There is no reason to jeopardize our public schools with voucher schools. If parents want their children to have a private education, then the parents can pay for it! | 1/12/2015 9:53 PM |
| 543 | Dump them all!! | 1/12/2015 9:51 PM |
| 544 | This issue makes me so angry! I'm tired of the attacks on our public schools and the lack of funding because of money going to fund private schools. As teachers, we are CONSTANTLY being made to feel that we are failing the students or not doing our jobs well enough, when it is, in fact, the government failing our students in public schools. I especially see this in terms of funding for my students in special education. It is shameful!!! | 1/12/2015 9:48 PM |
| 545 | MPS is suffering mightily. Class sizes are the prime example. 35 kids in kindergarten classrooms is simply criminal. | 1/12/2015 9:40 PM |
| 546 | Public schools cannot afford to lose money to private voucher schools which do not have to meet the same requirements. | 1/12/2015 9:38 PM |
| 547 | State budget cuts have consistently resulted in increased class sizes and reduced staffing at all levels. There have been reductions in programming for students at all levels. | 1/12/2015 9:37 PM |
| 548 | No tax payer money to fund private schools. | 1/12/2015 9:34 PM |

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| 549 | I do not want my tax money to pay for private education or any voucher school. It is obvious that the legislature does not highly educated students coming from the public sector, just students from private schools who are not allowed to be free thinkers. | 1/12/2015 9:33 PM |
| 550 | We need to keep our public schools with top education. To do this we don't need to take on any more funding for private schools.. Our public school district has been very careful to take care of our children's needs under our taxpayers money. The private schools should be able to pay their way if they are going to go this route. | 1/12/2015 9:32 PM |
| 551 | The role of public schools needs to be looked at. Schools can't meet all the needs of all students and have their budgets cuts. Schools are supposed to deal with behavioral disorders, mental illness issues, severely mentally challenged kids, who will never be able to function in society. Yet schools are supposed to educate them when potty training an 8 or 9 year old might be the goal. These are very expensive students to deal with because of the manpower it takes. It is hard enough to deal with all the baggage that normal kids come to school with. Schools can not deal with all they are expected to do when funds are being spent on private schools and voucher schools. People choose to send their child to a private school and they should pay for it without the support of public money. Religious schools should not get public money. All schools need to have high standards and be accountable. If a school accept public money, they should have to live the same standards and expectations as public schools. They should have the same responsibility to accept and educate all students even those with disabilities. | 1/12/2015 9:28 PM |
| 552 | Wisconsin needs to look at how other states that have been successful in coming up with equitable funding for schools. | 1/12/2015 9:26 PM |
| 553 | voucher schools should have to demonstrate efficacy. The unions should not create the tests. Failure to perform should prompt changes or loss of charter. schools for special needs children should be developed to concentrate efforts for increased learning since mainstreaming is often ineffective. | 1/12/2015 9:25 PM |
| 554 | Budget cuts continue to hurt students and teachers. | 1/12/2015 9:24 PM |
| 555 | Reduced staff and programming. So many sp.ed students and not enough resources. | 1/12/2015 9:18 PM |
| 556 | There seems to be a correlation between state budget cuts and adding more meetings to and taking teacher/student face time away from teachers' schedules. | 1/12/2015 9:17 PM |
| 557 | I have seen reduced staff for special needs children. | 1/12/2015 9:15 PM |
| 558 | I agree w/ Dale Schultz who says we're "playing w/ fire". Public education is essential to our democracy. | 1/12/2015 9:08 PM |
| 559 | Against using taxpayer money for private schools | 1/12/2015 9:01 PM |
| 560 | Resources, staffing have greatly affected and impacted our ability to teach each and every student and focus on their needs | 1/12/2015 8:58 PM |
| 561 | I am totally opposed to taxpayer money being used to fund private schools of any kind. The voucher program funnels more tax dollars per student to private schools than it does to public schools. This is very detrimental to the funding of public schools and has resulted in reduced offerings, reduction in staffing, higher class sizes, and the need for districts to introduce referenda to fund building maintenance, technology updates, and curricula needed to prepare students for life in the 21st century. | 1/12/2015 8:55 PM |
| 562 | Taxpayer dollars should never be spent on private schools. Whatever happened to separation of church and state. Our local schools are hurting. You can only cut programs so much, eventually you'll see your programs, school, and community struggle and fail. We need to stop lawmakers from deciding what is taught in school. We need to leave these decisions to educators. I would never tell a doctor how to perform a surgery. | 1/12/2015 8:44 PM |
| 563 | taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools. | 1/12/2015 8:43 PM |
| 564 | Many parents would can afford it or are sacrificing to send their children to "private" or parochial schools are doing it because of dificientcies in bubonic schools by taking more money out of public schools is only going to make public schools worse | 1/12/2015 8:37 PM |
| 565 | All the schools in my area are struggling to support a well rounded education for their students but programs in the arts, libraries, and some sports are being cut or eliminated because of the state funding cuts made in order to fund private schools. It's time to go back to supporting a public education with public funds. | 1/12/2015 8:32 PM |
| 566 | Reduced special education staff, reg Ed teachers asked to do more for special ed kids, reduction of educational assistants | 1/12/2015 8:16 PM |
| 567 | Public schools are already struggling; siphoning off more money to private schools will further harm public education. | 1/12/2015 8:14 PM |
| 568 | Our rural district has lost a sizable amount of state aid to found the private/voucher schools already. This has affected every student in the district and will only get worse. | 1/12/2015 8:07 PM |

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| 569 | Vouchers are having a very negative impact on many public schools where they are being implemented. Class sizes have increased, there have been cuts to art, music, PE, library , and technology services in the schools. The amount of testing taking place in the public schools is ridiculous, and the proposal to allow charter/voucher schools choose the test they will use for accountability is just as ridiculous. If we are to compare how students perform they should be tested using the same instrument so that the outcomes can be compared. | 1/12/2015 8:04 PM |
| 570 | Upcoming referenda April 2015 | 1/12/2015 7:57 PM |
| 571 | I myself am an Evangelical Christian and yet I do not support vouchers for Christian schools. I only support the idea of vouchers for certain schools providing alternative education to address students with disabilities/special needs, so long as these schools have elected leaders and have open records. | 1/12/2015 7:44 PM |
| 572 | Voucher schools have proven to be a compete disaster and a waste of taxpayer dollars. They are not efficient, nor effective, not fiscally responsible. | 1/12/2015 7:39 PM |
| 573 | Our school district has suffered greatly since public school state funding was slashed by the current state administration. We have lost teaching and paraprofessional positions. Free, appropriate public education for all students must be our #1 priority. If we continue to cut funding for education we will be seeing long term losses for our state. The gap between jobs and skilled workers to fill those jobs will only get wider. | 1/12/2015 7:38 PM |
| 574 | Our small rural school in south central Wisconsin has had one operating referendum voted down and is planning for a second try in February. As a retiring teacher it is rumored that my position (I teach 5 classes and have 2 supervisions) will be handled by reassigning current staff. Not only does this put extra burden on already heavily laden teachers, but also will eliminate elective courses from the high school curriculum. The ones who pay the true cost are the students in our school. | 1/12/2015 7:38 PM |
| 575 | Cuts are negatively impacting public schools in Milwaukee, Madison & Racine disproportionately to others. | 1/12/2015 7:37 PM |
| 576 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools. Period. | 1/12/2015 7:34 PM |
| 577 | Our school is struggling to keep things balanced. If we had our thousands of dollars back that are taken from us for voucher schools, we would be in a much better situation ! | 1/12/2015 7:32 PM |
| 578 | I am completely against taxpayer money being used for private schools. Wisconsin's public schools were the envy of the nation until the politicians began ignoring the public in favor of private school advocates who gave them campaign money | 1/12/2015 7:31 PM |
| 579 | This state is not going to move ahead if we pursue the policies pushed by the GOP. | 1/12/2015 7:28 PM |
| 580 | The budget cuts are real, but not just because of public funding for voucher schools. Act 10 played the biggest role. | 1/12/2015 7:27 PM |
| 581 | I think that the purpose of public education in the United States is to create an informed citizenry. We do this through our tax dollars within our public school setting according to public, democratic values that are translated through state education standards. I do not feel it is appropriate for public tax dollars to fund private or devotional/religious education. I also feel that it is not democratic to fund private schools with our tax dollars because there are not equal services for students with disabilities and private schools do not have to follow the same guidelines to make themselves accountable and available and transparent to the communities/public tax payers. Our current school district has seen funding slashed for almost 15 years now. This has impacted our district with cuts to specials coursework such as art, PE and shop, cooking, technology classes, etc. We have also seen slashes to foreign language and athletics. We have reduced staffing and higher class sizes as a result of this. Average class sizes are 28 when they used to be 22 just 15 years ago. Athletics in our district are funded through private fundraising to the tune of 49% of all costs. We currently do not have a librarian, we have a 1/2 time nurse, and no assistant principal as a result of budget cuts. | 1/12/2015 7:19 PM |
| 582 | We had to do a referenda and hire a development director. Larger class sizes | 1/12/2015 7:18 PM |
| 583 | If you are receiving taxpayer dollars you should be under the same guidelines, responsibilities and mandates as any other school receiving tax money. | 1/12/2015 7:15 PM |
| 584 | The quality of education is decreasing due to a smaller staff. | 1/12/2015 7:14 PM |
| 585 | Don't know how they are coping. The public schools provide a great opportunity for kids to become acquainted with those of diverse backgrounds. | 1/12/2015 7:12 PM |
| 586 | We have had our at-risk program cut and teaching staff downsized. I do not want children to attend corporate run voucher schools such as "Taco Bell high school" that only represents, or teaches, about private interests and does not honor or repesent the larger community. | 1/12/2015 7:08 PM |
| 587 | Bigger class sizes, reduced staffing, low moral!!! | 1/12/2015 7:03 PM |
| 588 | I feel it is not fair for taxpayer dollars to be taken away from public schools to fund private ones. | 1/12/2015 7:00 PM |

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| 589 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private education. Our district is suffering greatly due to recent state budget cuts to public education, including reduced staffing, increasing class sizes, introduction of referenda to fund essential needs, poor maintenance of school buildings and grounds, failure to update furnishings, as basic as tables and chairs, and including the technology required to deliver mandated instruction and assessments. | 1/12/2015 6:53 PM |
| 590 | Taxpayer money towards private school takes away the opportunities for children in public schools to receive the same educational benefits. Furthermore, voucher programs fall along racial lines with white children attending private schools at a higher rate than students of color. The implications of this are such that by increasing funding towards private schools decreases funding towards public schools and only serves to further an already massive educational gap between white students and students of color. The voucher programs, and the existence of public schools serves to divide our nation and the way it thinks. Instead of providing a platform of education, we are able to create and fund a neo-liberalization of the United States that supports the white supremacy of white education, ignores the ableist attitudes towards persons with disabilities and operates without law and with taxpayer money. | 1/12/2015 6:51 PM |
| 591 | Voucher program for inner city students should have provided access to other public schools; not to sectarian schools which is not a constitutional use of public money. If corporations have a religiously based conscience, I as a public taxpayer can demand my funding (tax dollars) go for the intended use. As a lawyer, I am aware of the obstacles such as standing,etc. but some effort should be made. As it is, the Catholic, Lutheran, Fundamentalists and Home School forces are forging the type of a sectarian society which is causing problems worldwide. | 1/12/2015 6:49 PM |
| 592 | I think parents should have to fund private school programs that they choose for their child to attend. | 1/12/2015 6:43 PM |
| 593 | I think that the Republican officials are increasing the achievement gap through policies that affect the ability of people living in poverty to get out of poverty. i don't think that the needs of ALL children are truly considered. | 1/12/2015 6:38 PM |
| 594 | Using tax money for private school should be illegal. | 1/12/2015 6:38 PM |
| 595 | I think that state education dollars should be used for public schools only. The current voucher program undermines public education. I believe that strong public education is the foundation and fabric of our democracy. | 1/12/2015 6:35 PM |
| 596 | Public schools trying to cope with recent state budget cuts, have had to reduce staffing and programming which affects the students. Many districts have introduced referendums to be able to survive. | 1/12/2015 6:31 PM |
| 597 | Needs of students in public schools have increases. Staff numbers have declined. Time for testing has increases,,and time for teaching has dexreased. | 1/12/2015 6:28 PM |
| 598 | Public schools not only teach academic and social skills to students. They also teach to our students our country's values and values, Being a "melting pots" of students often of different races, economic backgrounds, and family situations, our schools teach to work together, to accept each other, to help those who are less fortunate. | 1/12/2015 6:27 PM |
| 599 | In our country there is to be a separation of church and state. I have trouble with voucher schools using state monies to fund religious education. In our community, we are seeing experienced teachers pressured out of their jobs. Teachers have seen minimal increases in salaries and reductions in benefits, while administrators at the top are using the governor's tools to increase their salaries up to 20%. There is less support for classroom teachers and student needs, sometimes meeting IEP requirements is near impossible due to lack of staffing. Teachers are asked to do more with less on a regular basis. Class sizes are greater as are student needs. | 1/12/2015 6:20 PM |
| 600 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools. Our local schools are hurting as a result of diverted funds. | 1/12/2015 6:09 PM |
| 601 | All tax dollar funded schools should follow the same rules. Use of tax dollars means you have strings attached. | 1/12/2015 5:55 PM |
| 602 | Reduced staff in the Arts - Music and less pay | 1/12/2015 5:38 PM |
| 603 | I don't think any private school should receive public funds. I'm not sure how our school district has coped with lack of funding, I do know that music and art programs have suffered and I happen to think that those things are very important. | 1/12/2015 5:33 PM |
| 604 | The voucher program goes against the separation of church and state. For this reason alone, it should be eliminated. Additionally, comparing public and private schools is like comparing apples to oranges. Public schools are mandated to provide an education to all students, regardless of their abilities and/or disabilities. Private schools do not have to accept students who have special learning or physical needs, are English Language Learners, or are living in poverty. | 1/12/2015 5:30 PM |
| 605 | Our district has a referendum this spring. | 1/12/2015 5:18 PM |
| 606 | The State of Wisconsin should provide more funding for public schools peek thru 12 and for post secondary education. The state legislature should lift the local spending caps and stop trying to destroy public educational | 1/12/2015 5:07 PM |
| 607 | Vouchers have not worked in Milwaukee, and there has been no accountability. We have accountability in public schools, and the money should stay there. | 1/12/2015 5:03 PM |
| 608 | Stop trying to Ruin our Public Schools and BEGIN TO PROBLEM SOLVE THE THINGS THAT ARE WRONG WITH IT!!!! | 1/12/2015 4:48 PM |

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| 609 | If parents want their child to attend a private school, they should do so on their dollar. Any school receiving voucher money must follow the same guidelines as public schools - testing, days/hours, staff education requirements, etc. | 1/12/2015 4:38 PM |
| 610 | The private school voucher program only reaches a small fraction of students who could use the financial support and only takes away resources from public schools that may have a higher percentage of low income students. The private schools also have no responsibility or incentive to provide additional resources for low income students and their families. Public schools are the only way institutions that would guarantee a support system for low income children and their families if they had the resources to do so. | 1/12/2015 4:31 PM |
| 611 | The legislature is telling the UW system how to do business while funding only 15 percent of the UW budget, yet does not require accountability from voucher schools. That is a double standard. | 1/12/2015 4:26 PM |
| 612 | With decreasing enrollment in our middle school and high school, but increased enrollment in grades 4K through 7th grades, a plan has been proposed by our administrator to combine grades 7 through 12 in the high school. It was proposed to be a tax saver for the future. I am opposed to combining the middle school with the high school students as a cost saver. | 1/12/2015 4:18 PM |
| 613 | School taxes should be used for public schools. If parents choose to use other means to educate their children, then they should pay the full expense to do so. Our schools and public education needs to be our first priority when it comes to funding. Keep politics out of the schools and let the people who have dedicated their lives to education run the schools. | 1/12/2015 4:17 PM |
| 614 | I believe that people sense something is not working (too many pilot programs, common core curriculum, misuse of funds, questionable leadership) within the public school system and they are looking for solutions or alternatives. Please know that I believe the public school system should be supported by everyone. However, for some it can be difficult to support when some leaders and or advocates of the public school system have a sense of entitlement. The key to me in gaining support is not forcing people to believe in something but rather gaining their trust. The public school system was created by the people with the assumption that those working in that system are working for the people (or taxpayers). Unfortunately the items I previously mentioned have made people question whether that happens anymore. Getting people to believe public schools are working for them (and their children) will go a long way in putting the public schools back in a positive light. | 1/12/2015 4:15 PM |
| 615 | If private schools want to stay private then tyey should receive no public school funds. | 1/12/2015 4:13 PM |
| 616 | Our public schools constantly go to referenda to improve education and even to maintain a quality education. State funding should increase to public schools. | 1/12/2015 4:04 PM |
| 617 | Private schools should be an out of pocket expense to the consumer. Perhaps then they will make their fees affordable enough for anyone interested to attend. Scholarships should be the responsibility of the private school | 1/12/2015 3:57 PM |
| 618 | Schools need to be reformed--lets take a serious look at other countries such as Finland. | 1/12/2015 3:52 PM |
| 619 | Reduced programming and staff. Budgets have been cut. | 1/12/2015 3:38 PM |
| 620 | Wisconsin citizen should NOT be funding private school ...PERIOD ! | 1/12/2015 3:35 PM |
| 621 | I don't have school age children or grandchildren. | 1/12/2015 3:27 PM |
| 622 | Taxpayer money should be used to fund only public school districts. | 1/12/2015 3:18 PM |
| 623 | Taxpayer money should fund public school only. Private schools should operate independently in entirety. | 1/12/2015 3:10 PM |
| 624 | I strongly disagree with having my tax dollars pay for religious or religiously leaning education that's unaccountable to the state. Public schools need the support. | 1/12/2015 3:05 PM |
| 625 | Our schools have larger class sizes and there are less curriculum offerings for the students. | 1/12/2015 3:04 PM |
| 626 | Taxes should ONLY be used to fund public school education. A new funding formula needs to be developed. All current voucher schools need to adher to the same standards as public schools | 1/12/2015 2:50 PM |
| 627 | Beware of bias against Catholic education. Historically, all state funded education had some religion based within the school. Public schools really only started when a large portion of Catholic immigrants started asking state funding to be allocated to their schools as it was to others. | 1/12/2015 2:44 PM |
| 628 | Taxpayer money should NOT be used to fund private schools. My school district Racine Unified is operating with less and expected to do more. We need more parental support. We teach the children for 7 hours a day and cannot control what goes on in their home life which effects their school test scores. | 1/12/2015 2:44 PM |
| 629 | We cannot afford two systems!emRVEEN@ | 1/12/2015 2:42 PM |
| 630 | Teachers are afraid to speak their opinions. They fear for their jobs. | 1/12/2015 2:23 PM |
| 631 | In our small city, the fine arts programs were cut, indirectly by lowering graduation requirements. | 1/12/2015 2:13 PM |

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| 632 | many more referenda going around staff demoralized fewer course offerings community stores hurting as teachers do not have as much money to spend teachers children are on free/reduced lunch | 1/12/2015 2:12 PM |
| 633 | We are struggling to support public schools.which are definitely offering a quality education to our young people, due to state budget cuts. If individuals choose private schools over public I am adamant they should pay for the cost of private school themselves. We are seeing staff and program cuts in my district as well as a probably referendum to cover operating costs. How did state budget cuts help us out on our property taxes when referendums have become the norm? I would love my legislator to explain that one. | 1/12/2015 2:08 PM |
| 634 | I am a Catholic but I have never believed that tax dollars should support any religious school. Public schools, especially, in the rural areas, are having a very difficult time finding good teachers. High schools are particularly affected. | 1/12/2015 2:07 PM |
| 635 | Have a two pronged state system for education is a terrible idea. If families want there children to go to private schools they should pay for them. | 1/12/2015 2:03 PM |
| 636 | Public Education is hurting. Staff are unable to take students out into the real world. They can read about a tree but not have instructional practice and meet, touch, experience a tree. Staff to student ratio is too high and career and technical ed, arts, music etc are being cut. | 1/12/2015 1:55 PM |
| 637 | All state tax dollars for education should be used for public schools. There should be novouchers at all. | 1/12/2015 1:54 PM |
| 638 | Tax payer money should not be used to fund private schools. The public schools are struggling to make ends meet and are cutting teacher positions which means children are not receiving the services they need. Referenda for district funding are always discussed in Madison and sometimes even placed on the ballot. | 1/12/2015 1:51 PM |
| 639 | Public schools are the basis of democracy. DO NOT use taxpayer money to fund private schools. | 1/12/2015 1:48 PM |
| 640 | Public monies should be used for public entities. | 1/12/2015 1:47 PM |
| 641 | our district goes to referendum every 2 to 3 years | 1/12/2015 1:45 PM |
| 642 | I feel our schools are under funded and over tested. We have too many subs teaching our students as the teachers are busy testing. This all costs extra money that is better used for education. | 1/12/2015 1:42 PM |
| 643 | No taxpayers money should help fund private schools. | 1/12/2015 1:41 PM |
| 644 | don't use tax dollors. | 1/12/2015 1:37 PM |
| 645 | I personally witnessed the significant negative impact voucher money had on RUSD when I still worked there. I also witnessed the school receiving voucher money refusing to work with challenging students and asking them to leave - after the money had been paid. This would significantly impact the district, especially if it was a Special Education student. This impact resulted in cuts to educational assistants, cuts to staffing at all age levels, and crowded case loads for SEN teachers. No one benefited from this - especially the students. | 1/12/2015 1:31 PM |
| 646 | Tax money should be used to support public schools. everyone has the opportunity to attend public schools.... not everyone can attend a private school. Too many good teachers are leaving the profession... working in the private sector is much more worth it! 5 | 1/12/2015 1:28 PM |
| 647 | Taxpayers money should not be financing private schools. If you want your child to get a religious education, pay for it. Our public schools are cutting staff and cutting the arts. It is wrong to give taxpayers money to any Church. | 1/12/2015 1:27 PM |
| 648 | This is a travesty. Public education is for all. Do away with vouchers! | 1/12/2015 1:19 PM |
| 649 | Many teachers have left the profession. | 1/12/2015 12:48 PM |
| 650 | We have seen staff reductions, particularly in the arts and other elective course offerings. We have already voted once for a referendum that included money for increasing staff wages in addition to building needs. Competitive wages and wage increases that at least keep pace with inflation should not be dependent upon local referenda. | 1/12/2015 12:46 PM |
| 651 | Charter schools SHOULD HAVE TO BE accountable to the public and all charter and public schools should have to use the VERY SAME accountability standards and meet the needs of ALL students. | 1/12/2015 12:44 PM |
| 652 | We cannot afford two systems! WI public schools are struggling due to the largest cuts to their funding in the history of our state! | 1/12/2015 12:44 PM |
| 653 | I do not currently have a child in Wisconsin public schools but there was a massive retirement of quality teachers in Madison following the demise of collective bargaining. I suppose I should be happy--my child received a great education but the future of Wisconsin is at stake. | 1/12/2015 12:43 PM |
| 654 | I do not approve of funding private schools with public money, especially when the schools do not have to follow the same guidelines, testing, staffing and special ed procedures. | 1/12/2015 12:36 PM |
| 655 | Keep taxpayer money ONLY in public schools. | 1/12/2015 12:36 PM |

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| 656 | Taxpayers money never should be use to fund private schools. | 1/12/2015 12:34 PM |
| 657 | I understand the idea behind vouchers. However, if vouchers are given, the school, teachers, and students should be forced to operate under the same rules that public schools are. How else can a fair assessment of the school's ability to educate be made? Only if the rules and restrictions are the same, proper comparisons can be made. | 1/12/2015 12:34 PM |
| 658 | Using taxpayers' money to fund private schools, and especially religious schools, is just plain wrong. | 1/12/2015 12:31 PM |
| 659 | Taxpayer money should NOT be used to fund private schools period. Public money and qualified human resources should be used to improve learning in public schools throughout the state. I know this is not inexpensive, but as Derek Bok said, "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." | 1/12/2015 12:27 PM |
| 660 | We should NOT provide taxpayer money to fund private schools. We need to have strong public schools. There is NO need for voucher schools! We need to put our taxes is public schools. Those wanting private schools need to find a way to pay for them outside receiving taxpayers funds. Enough of this! There is separation of church and state in our Constitution. | 1/12/2015 12:25 PM |
| 661 | I feel it is wrong for me to pay for an institution whose belief system I do not support. In addition, I feel it is wrong for my money to go to schools that are not held accountable, to the same rigorous standards that public schools are held to. | 1/12/2015 12:24 PM |
| 662 | Support public schools! It's the basis of our democracy. | 1/12/2015 12:23 PM |
| 663 | Public schools are struggling because of budget cuts. Those who support private education should pay for it privately, not with taxpayer money. | 1/12/2015 12:13 PM |
| 664 | Because of drastic budget cuts to public schools, student education has suffered. | 1/12/2015 12:13 PM |
| 665 | I think it's ridiculous that taxes are used for private schools. Parents choose to send their child there, they should pay for it. | 1/12/2015 12:07 PM |
| 666 | The schools' ability to meet the needs of all children has been critically reduced. Referenda dollars are going through the roof. Education is getting worse, not better. | 1/12/2015 12:03 PM |
| 667 | I feel that if parents wants a private education for their children they should fund that on their own. Private schools should get the same funding as public schools, no exceptions. | 1/12/2015 12:00 PM |
| 668 | Reduction in staffing, specifically staffing to close the achievement gap such as reading intervention and support teachers, social workers, etc. | 1/12/2015 11:52 AM |
| 669 | We have a public school system in place for all children, if parents choose to send their children to a private school they should have to pay the full amount with out a tax break either. | 1/12/2015 11:51 AM |
| 670 | I'm totally opposed to subsidizing private school education using any form of public assistance (vouchers, tax credits, etc.). | 1/12/2015 11:50 AM |
| 671 | Only for lowest income of foster families. | 1/12/2015 11:49 AM |
| 672 | We cannot afford to fund two different school systems in Wisconsin. | 1/12/2015 11:49 AM |
| 673 | The public schools in Wisconsin are being destroyed because of this program. Staffing is reduced, budgets are non-existant, and students are suffering. | 1/12/2015 11:45 AM |
| 674 | I have seen school budgets tightened to the point of unsafe conditions for staff and students. Staff is encouraged by budget constraints to funnel personal salary right back into the classroom for supplies, fieldtrips, class coverage, basic student needs. Teaching staff no longer makes an independent living wage. | 1/12/2015 11:39 AM |
| 675 | Public schools has been suffering due to more money going to private schools. Public or legislators have the responsibilities to work for citizen's interest as they vote for them rather than working for their own interest when elected. With equal funding provided, students can be successful in any kind of environment; meaning, if using those expensive funding that is sent to the private schools to the public schools, the result should have been the same. There is no magic that private schools can only do that public schools can't do. I wish that legislators have hearts and sense of responsibilities to take care of each and every citizen rather the few who can give them money. | 1/12/2015 11:37 AM |
| 676 | Teacher/student ratio is unmanageable. not enough staff to support needs. | 1/12/2015 11:36 AM |
| 677 | Our school district has suffered terribly from the budget cuts. Staff are expected to take on more and more responsibility, students, stress. Teachers have always spent their own money for supplies, but it is worse than ever now. We need to take care of our public schools with taxpayer money, not private schools. | 1/12/2015 11:34 AM |

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| 678 | Why should parents get a deduction, voucher etc. I do not have children and (willingly) pay school taxes. I do not get a school tax refund. If someone does not like the public schools, should work to change or pay I own to go elsewhere. Without private/voucher schools following all requirements of public schools (accept all students regardless of behavior, disability, parent involvement, lack of basic supplies, lack of technology access, mobility, attendance, testing, progress...comparisons cannot be fairly made. | 1/12/2015 11:30 AM |
| 679 | I would rather he little bit of tax relief I got go back to the schools instead. | 1/12/2015 11:28 AM |
| 680 | With budget cuts we see all staff, including teachers, take on more jobs. So much so that I feel I can't do anything very well. We had our first referendum pass for a 2 year increase just to meet our expenses. | 1/12/2015 11:18 AM |
| 681 | Voucher STUDENTS should be subject to all the same rights and responsibilities that Public School students are. The recipient schools should be responsible for the arrangements. What they do with their other students is their problem. | 1/12/2015 11:17 AM |
| 682 | Besides draining resources from public schools vouchers continue to increase the segregation of our schools. | 1/12/2015 11:10 AM |
| 683 | There is only 1 Reading Teacher/Specialist in the district to cover grades K-12, and that position was reduced. | 1/12/2015 11:02 AM |
| 684 | Totally against it. I went to private grade schools and it should be up to the parents if they wish to go that route not the general taxpayers. | 1/12/2015 10:56 AM |
| 685 | Property taxes are the most hated taxes by tax payers and are expected to make up the difference in state aid. Of course people balk at the increases to their property taxes and are more likely to vote down operating and building referenda. | 1/12/2015 10:50 AM |
| 686 | I feel taxpayer money should only be used to support public schools. | 1/12/2015 10:45 AM |
| 687 | Taxpayer money should absolutely NOT fund private schools! Currently, the State is providing very little money to fund free public schools - why would the State pay for private?? The State needs to change its position on private voucher schools and just get rid of them - switching its dollars to pay for public education. The data is clear that public education is providing great education while private voucher schools are doing a disservice to our children. | 1/12/2015 10:42 AM |
| 688 | We are facing a 10 million dollar shortfall this next year which will have long term negative consequences in programming for students. | 1/12/2015 10:38 AM |
| 689 | No | 1/12/2015 10:35 AM |
| 690 | Violation of Church & State, no accountability | 1/12/2015 10:34 AM |
| 691 | I do not want my tax dollars to pay for private schools. I do want a quality public education available to all students. Educated students are the backbone of our future! Pay teachers a living wage and spend money on standardizing teacher certification programs like Finland does. Stop vilifying teachers. | 1/12/2015 10:33 AM |
| 692 | We had budget cuts take away almost half of our class spending meaning we are left with little money on supplies and equipment to provide a rich and in depth education. | 1/12/2015 10:31 AM |
| 693 | Public tax funds should only be used to fund free public schools. All private schools should be funded by tuition and fundraising, NOT by any taxes or fees raised by the government. Public schools are the foundation of our democracy and they must be supported and strong for our democracy to survive. | 1/12/2015 10:23 AM |
| 694 | Voucher schools are based on the false presuppostion that there are failing public schools in our state. Does anyone really believe that there are public schools where most of the teacher and administrators are ineffective? The real culprit is failing neighborhoods due to the liabilities of poverty. This issue is too complex for many of our state legislators looking for simplistic solutions. | 1/12/2015 10:20 AM |
| 695 | Public taxes should NEVER be used to fund non-public education. Period. | 1/12/2015 10:11 AM |
| 696 | It's wrong, wrong, wrong. | 1/12/2015 10:09 AM |
| 697 | As a parent who paid for three children to attend Catholic schools I am opposed to Tax payer support of the religious institutions. The burden should be on those parishes that choose to have those schools not the tax payer. | 1/12/2015 9:49 AM |
| 698 | Public dollars should only go to public school, so there should be no voucher program. In addition, private schools should have the same accountability and meet the same requirements as public schools so children and parents who choose them have the same rights and protections. | 1/12/2015 9:48 AM |
| 699 | I'm not against private schools but I do think that if you choose a private school for your child to attend than you should also be taking into consideration how you will pay for that education. You have a choice to send your child to private school or to send them to public school. | 1/12/2015 9:47 AM |
| 700 | It's unconstitutional and should be criminal to funnel taxpayer money to private and/or for-profit interests. | 1/12/2015 9:27 AM |

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| 701 | I don't want a dime of my taxes to fund any private school.If you want your kid to attend private school,then you pay for it your damn self. Especially a religious one.What happened to separation of church and state.I feel like I'm being violated. | 1/12/2015 9:25 AM |
| 702 | Any school that receives public funding should be required to meet all the same requirements and standards. If a public school is "failing", strong efforts should be made to discover why and to bring it up to standards rather than closing it. As a retired educator, I feel strongly that legislators have no idea what really goes on in classrooms and might approach this issue differently if they had to "walk a mile in our shoes". Their "solutions" are so simplistic and do not take into account that one cannot standardize a child. One thing we CAN do is spend some of that state money on developing and hiring great teachers instead of putting it into private schools whose student bodies are pre- and self-selected for success because their families care enough about education to be supportive of their children. | 1/12/2015 9:22 AM |
| 703 | No comment. | 1/12/2015 9:16 AM |
| 704 | I don't have an issue with private schools, but they should be self funded and if they are not than they should need to follow the same laws and rules as public schools. | 1/12/2015 9:08 AM |
| 705 | No taxpayer money should be used to fund private schools. That includes no public funding for transportation to private schools. | 1/12/2015 8:46 AM |
| 706 | I don't believe it's right to fund private schools with tax monies. | 1/12/2015 8:30 AM |
| 707 | Although there are many more children with special needs and behavioral issues, there is no money to support or pay for special education staff. Giving money to private school providers, via the parents, will only take more from our public schools. This is a bad idea. | 1/12/2015 8:22 AM |
| 708 | The voucher program is just plain wrong and is detrimental to our public schools. | 1/12/2015 8:22 AM |
| 709 | I think if a family wants to send a child to a private school or home school it should not be funded by taxes. | 1/12/2015 8:19 AM |
| 710 | Public education is one of the most important parts of a democracy. Public education in Wisconsin was something to be proud of for many, many years. As a retired public school educator, I am very worried about its future. | 1/12/2015 8:10 AM |
| 711 | Deduction of many staff members is creating difficulties with providing appropriate free education to all due to these cuts. Children who need additional supports no longer are able to receive the services they need. Continuous testing throughout the school year takes learning time away from children. Money that is needed to support special social work and psychological services not available anywhere else in the community is also a problem. | 1/12/2015 8:10 AM |
| 712 | Public schools in poor neighborhood will be the most negatively impacted | 1/12/2015 8:08 AM |
| 713 | I feel like in general we need to put our trust and resources back into public education. | 1/12/2015 8:05 AM |
| 714 | Absolutely no taxpayer money or refunds to children in private schools. Seriously undermines public school programs. | 1/12/2015 7:53 AM |
| 715 | Tax payer money for private schools is a further attack on public unions, is a dangerous trend that undermines public education, is clearly a way for some people to get rich and is very disruptive to the education of children. | 1/12/2015 7:39 AM |
| 716 | My wife and I volunteer at the public elementary school where she taught until retiring in 2007. The learning materials available to students continue to decline in both quantity and quality even though the teachers continue to increase the amount of their own funds to equip their classrooms. | 1/12/2015 7:38 AM |
| 717 | If there is a voucher system in place, it should be limited to low-income students only and be required to serve students of all abilities. | 1/12/2015 7:36 AM |
| 718 | staffing reduced significantly | 1/12/2015 7:30 AM |
| 719 | Public Education should be, well, Public. There should be no Corporate schools or Religious schools paid for by Taxpayer $$. If there are problems with some public schools, find good people to fix them. Politicians can't fix them. They have other agendas. | 1/12/2015 7:11 AM |
| 720 | We are both teachers and can't even begin to share the changes we have seen. It's sad. | 1/12/2015 6:28 AM |
| 721 | As a public educator, I know how hard we work to find the right education for each child, regardless of ability or disability. It makes me sick that these schools can and do expel students with little or no reason. Testing is also a hot topic. We struggle to figure out a model that works for students (nearly impossible), while they can just have certain students opt out to avoid lower test scores ruining their "record." It appears to just be another example of the money of a few getting to decide their own rules. | 1/12/2015 6:20 AM |
| 722 | Public education was created so that all students have a place to be educated. If families decide to not use the public education system, then they need to fund it themselves. | 1/12/2015 6:15 AM |
| 723 | All children in the state of Wisconsin should have access to a free, public education, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identification, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability. | 1/12/2015 5:46 AM |

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| 724 | The voucher system helps the rich get richer while the poor get poorer. | 1/12/2015 5:39 AM |
| 725 | Funding private schools without holding them to the same standards creates an uneven playing field that benefits only the private schools and is not beneficial or fair for students. | 1/12/2015 5:37 AM |
| 726 | It is imperative that proponents of public schools fight for them. The common school is the only remaining institution that cuts across cultural, religious, ethnic, class and racial lines. The public schools are the seedbed of our democracy; if we lose the common, public school, we lose the republic forever. | 1/12/2015 5:32 AM |
| 727 | Reduced staffing, increased student ratios | 1/12/2015 5:31 AM |
| 728 | I am totally against using taxpayer money to fund private schools. | 1/12/2015 5:24 AM |
| 729 | Staff support per student has definitely decreased, and the schedule and workload for remaining staff have increased significantly. The funding for consumables and technology has increasingly fallen on parent groups through fundraising. | 1/12/2015 5:23 AM |
| 730 | Our rural school is excellent, but is always struggling with paying bills. People who want private schools will find a way to pay. Vouchers just take money from the districts that need it most. | 1/12/2015 1:18 AM |
| 731 | Any school receiving public funding should have to follow the same guidelines and meet the same educational, open-records, assessment, and accountability expectations of public schools. | 1/11/2015 11:13 PM |
| 732 | Vouchers are a scam used to divert the funding from public schools to private ones. The defunding of public schools is hurting the education of young people. Want to do something to help our state's future? Put more Monday into our public school system. | 1/11/2015 10:40 PM |
| 733 | I think the school funding reform is horrible! I've seen decrease in teachers in the public schools. Public schools need their local school boards to make the decisions, not selected individuals from the governor. Local school boards members know what's best for their school and their children! | 1/11/2015 10:31 PM |
| 734 | I am opposed to using public funds for charter or private schools. A preK-12 schools should be held to the same standards. | 1/11/2015 10:27 PM |
| 735 | I'm adamantly opposed to siphoning money away from our traditional, brick-and-mortar public schools in order to find fund private charter and voucher, often religious-based, publicly unaccountable schools with taxpayer money. As if the data coming out of the two decade long voucher programs in Milwaukee and Racine showing that public schools outperform the voucher schools didn't raise enough red flags concerning the intentions of the special interests pushing the privatization movement, the expansion of the overwhelming majority of vouchers to children who were ALREADY ATTENDING PRIVATE SCHOOLS is appalling. | 1/11/2015 10:26 PM |
| 736 | I am opposed to any rules for charter schools and other private schools that differ from those for public schools. | 1/11/2015 10:20 PM |
| 737 | rural schools are really getting hammered since they have less of a tax base. Unfair! | 1/11/2015 10:00 PM |
| 738 | My greatest concern is the promises made to parents of children with special needs, which are never honored. | 1/11/2015 9:49 PM |
| 739 | We lost a lot of funding thanks for our Koch Boys Puppet. | 1/11/2015 9:40 PM |
| 740 | There must be a better, fairer, more equal way of funding all public schools equally. Funding should be de-coupled from property taxes and instead provided equally to all students. This should help poorer districts with a smaller/lower tax base to get enough funding to provide poorer students with a high quality school and excellent teachers and facilities. | 1/11/2015 9:32 PM |
| 741 | The quality of education in my community's schools has been steadily declining for a decade or more, largely because of scant, declining funding. What's the point of stretching the money even thinner by funding private schools on top of that? | 1/11/2015 9:27 PM |
| 742 | funding and supporting public education is crucial to the future of our country. Educating our youth is the best national defense. | 1/11/2015 9:26 PM |
| 743 | Prosecute the criminal legislators who are looting public funds for private schools. | 1/11/2015 9:12 PM |
| 744 | There should be NO taxpayer money used to fund private schools. | 1/11/2015 8:50 PM |
| 745 | I firmly believe in separation of church and state. The same should be true of other private education ventures. | 1/11/2015 8:27 PM |
| 746 | Over time public school excellence has been cut as funding has been cut. All schools should be held accountable for providing excellent education; but extra paperwork only takes teachers' time when they could be preparing lessons, etc. If vouchers really do provide better education, then why not provide them for every student? | 1/11/2015 8:26 PM |
| 747 | There really needs to be a referendum for voucher school funding. | 1/11/2015 7:53 PM |
| 748 | I don't understand how voucher use is constitutional at all and don't understand how it has survived. | 1/11/2015 7:46 PM |

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| 749 | I do not feel that public funds should be used for private schools. Public schools are experiencing budget deficits that will effect education of our children. Public education is a bedrock of our country that should not be eroded. | 1/11/2015 7:37 PM |
| 750 | Struggling public schools will never be able to improve and offer a higher, more rigorous curriculum if the money needed to do so is given to voucher schools. Parents would not need an alternative in the first place if money was put toward improving neighborhood schools. | 1/11/2015 7:34 PM |
| 751 | these are steps to eliminate public education, and it is already severely wounded our public schools in Milwaukee. | 1/11/2015 7:26 PM |
| 752 | Teacher staff turnover has been dramatic as teachers have left my low-paying district for greener grasses. | 1/11/2015 7:13 PM |
| 753 | Reduced staff, reduced programs, less prof dev, focus has become on money and not student learning | 1/11/2015 7:12 PM |
| 754 | I firmly believe that public funds should be used ONLY for public education. | 1/11/2015 7:12 PM |
| 755 | It is insane to ask taxpayers to support two education systems in the state of WI. I am OPPOSED to use of my tax dollars for voucher schools. | 1/11/2015 6:55 PM |
| 756 | what the legislations & govenor has done to this state's education system is appaling! WI use to be top in the nation for K-12 education and they have done everything possible to gut anything worthwhile. Instead, they have concoted these inane voucher programs and private schools that employee people who have no business in educating our kids or our future. We MUST turn this around and start putting education, our youth and our future back as a priority and reverse what has been done! | 1/11/2015 6:53 PM |
| 757 | I think we have forgotten that the US constitution says that every child should be entitled to a free and public education and that there is such a thing as separation of church and state. I think the charter schools in Wausau, run by the Wausau School District does a good job of providing educational choices to parents without vouchers. | 1/11/2015 6:47 PM |
| 758 | Students and teachers in the MPS district are being penalized by lack of teachers , supplies , gym , music and art. | 1/11/2015 6:47 PM |
| 759 | Taxes should support only public schools. | 1/11/2015 6:35 PM |
| 760 | Restore the cuts! Quit trying to defund the education of black and brown children! | 1/11/2015 6:25 PM |
| 761 | NA | 1/11/2015 6:24 PM |
| 762 | Our public schools are struggling to survive! Yes, there has been reduced stffing and programming, and referenda to fund nearby districts. We should NOT be funding private schools at all, and certainly not parochial ones (separation of church and state). I say this as a Christian who attended parochial schools myself. I still think it's wrong. | 1/11/2015 6:24 PM |
| 763 | Private and charter schools should NOT take money away from the public schools and should be held accountable for the best educational practices revealing student population, test scores, curriculum, staff credentials, etc. | 1/11/2015 6:20 PM |
| 764 | the state should pay a flat rate per student, regardless of school, counties and townships should do the same. A per capita amount of cross funding for each student regardless of location. | 1/11/2015 6:19 PM |
| 765 | We pay taxes to fund public schools, yet send our children to a private Catholic school. Before the tax credit, we were paying for other children to go to public schools and for our children's tuition. Tax credits are fair and should be continued. | 1/11/2015 6:14 PM |
| 766 | if people want to send their child to private schools they should pay on their own. if low income people wish to attend the private schools the organizations should provide scholarship for them. Our public schools should be strong enough for all. Money for public schools shuld have much oversight and we need to wisely eliminate waste. This is a very tough thing to do with people with many interests and needs. I don't have answers to this, I think we need to look to our University researchers and teachers in the schools for these answers. | 1/11/2015 6:11 PM |
| 767 | This is the first step to privatizing the public school systems. Our tax payer money should be going toward public schools only. | 1/11/2015 6:09 PM |
| 768 | The budget cuts are as demoralizing but not as much so as the social flogging of of professional educators. | 1/11/2015 5:58 PM |
| 769 | Religion courses should be paid for out of pocket by parents and separate from core courses. | 1/11/2015 5:57 PM |
| 770 | Taxpayer $ should not fund private schools. The cuts and diversions of funds have had a deleterious effect on public schools:lowering pay;making hiring more difficult; eliminating essential services and enrichment programs;reducing morale; discouraging college students from becoming teachers. | 1/11/2015 5:57 PM |
| 771 | Taxpayer dollars should NOT be used to fund private schools. | 1/11/2015 5:46 PM |
| 772 | I think taking money away from public schools to fund private schools is slowing eroding the education that was promised to all students in our city. | 1/11/2015 5:44 PM |

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| 773 | At minimum the State should pay the exact same amount per student, to each public school district that it allows for a private voucher, ($7,856@HS and $7,210@GS) and allow for the $10,000 a year tax exemption for each high school student a taxpayer has in school and $4,000 for each elementary school. At least fund the kids at the same level for public and private for profit schools. | 1/11/2015 5:36 PM |
| 774 | no - public schools require the participation of ALL students - in all respects - it enriches the educational experience for ALL - I attended a private high school - expected nothing from the public to do so - have mixed feelings about having gone to the private school - but that was MY choice - we chose to send both our very talented children to public school and they received an excellent academic and social education | 1/11/2015 5:35 PM |
| 775 | Money should only go toward public schools. | 1/11/2015 5:35 PM |
| 776 | Taxpayer $ should not be used to fund private schools. State schools where I live (Dane) and where I own property (Door) are struggling to pay decent wages, to hire good teachers, to provide extra curricular and early childhood programs. A disaster. Elimination of public bargaining has demeaned teachers, eliminated benefits, made hiring more difficult. | 1/11/2015 5:22 PM |
| 777 | Public tax funds should not be used to support private schools, wether religious or not. Wherever public tax are used by schools they should be accountable as are non-voucher public schools and they should be open to public monitoring of student achievement. | 1/11/2015 5:21 PM |
| 778 | More money needs to be invested in public schools and the voucher program should be eliminated. | 1/11/2015 5:21 PM |
| 779 | I am opposed to all use of public funds for private schools | 1/11/2015 5:12 PM |
| 780 | Using Taypayer MoneytTo fund Private Schools makes these Private Schools Public and subject to the same rules and requirements of Public Schools. | 1/11/2015 5:11 PM |
| 781 | Tax dollars should NOT be used for religious education! Voucher schools need to be accountable to the same standards if they are going to be in place of attending a public school. If I want to send my child elsewhere it is my choice and do not expect to be paid to do it! Many of the voucher people were already sending their children to private schools and now I as a taxpayer am paying them to do it! Outrageous! The republican governor has already slashed the funding! Please stand up for our schools! | 1/11/2015 5:02 PM |
| 782 | Public funding of private schools is wrong. It is also against our constitution. Programming has been cut in our public schools. Teachers are leaving the field because of the cuts and increased work loads. Many see no future for them in education. | 1/11/2015 4:53 PM |
| 783 | No voucher schools should not receive any public funds. By our constitution there should be also a separation of church and state and using any public funds for religious based education is crossing that line. | 1/11/2015 4:51 PM |
| 784 | Separation of church and state is basic. There should be no funding to schools who promote religious views and study | 1/11/2015 4:49 PM |
| 785 | The district my children attend is constantly affected by loss of public funding. Staff is cut and so are many valuable resources which affects my children's education. | 1/11/2015 4:43 PM |
| 786 | My school district is conducting its second referendum in three years because of the cuts in state aid to it. 30+ years of reduced funding have led to the deterioration of once great school district. | 1/11/2015 4:37 PM |
| 787 | Private schools should be paid for by participants only...NOT taxpayer money. | 1/11/2015 4:35 PM |
| 788 | Our forefathers set up public education for its citizens. If parents want private education for their children, they can pay for it. Too much money have been taken from public schools, but more demands have been placed on them to improve test scores of their students. Public schools are required to educate ALL students regardless of disabilities, poverty, etc and then being compared to schools that can almost hand pick its students. | 1/11/2015 4:32 PM |
| 789 | Using taxpayer money to fund private religious schools is a violation of the separation between church and state. Our public school district has seen reduced staffing and programming because of budget cuts. It's time Wisconsin puts our children first and reinvests in public education. | 1/11/2015 4:29 PM |
| 790 | taking money from struggling public schools to pay for religious/private education is WRONG. | 1/11/2015 4:26 PM |
| 791 | There should be NO taxpayer funded private schools of any variety. | 1/11/2015 4:24 PM |
| 792 | Our rural school is struggling. I am tired of public tax dollars going to private schools! | 1/11/2015 4:14 PM |
| 793 | NO public funding for private schools. RESTORE public funding to public education. | 1/11/2015 4:07 PM |
| 794 | no children in school | 1/11/2015 4:07 PM |
| 795 | Many voucher schools also don't spend money in the state - they pay "licensing fees" to their parent corporation or church and count that as "expenses" so that the actual services provided are paltry. Without accoutnability, a voucher system is a giant scam perpetuated on the taxpayers. | 1/11/2015 4:03 PM |

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| 796 | I believe we will see the demise of public education if we continue on this path. All students deserve a quality education and public schools MUST be adequately funded! | 1/11/2015 4:02 PM |
| 797 | I live in Milwaukee- the budget cuts have a negative affect on our students. Class sizes are bigger, teachers are overworked and there are less resources for our students. Students in the public schools are tested repeatedly and the test scores are a high stakes game. However, it seems that students within the private/voucher schools do not feel that same pressure. Why should some schools be exempt from proving they are teaching? | 1/11/2015 4:01 PM |
| 798 | Tax-payer money should only be used for schools open to everyone, and should never be used for religious instruction | 1/11/2015 3:51 PM |
| 799 | Tax dollars should only fund public schools, period. If state government insists on funding vouchers, or provides tax deduction for private schools, those schools should be subject to all of the requirements made for public schools. | 1/11/2015 3:40 PM |
| 800 | IAm against this policy. Any reduction in funding to public education in my area has negative consequences. | 1/11/2015 3:36 PM |
| 801 | No taxpayer money for vouchers. | 1/11/2015 3:36 PM |
| 802 | tax money should go to pubic schools only | 1/11/2015 3:31 PM |
| 803 | Small rural schools are especially being adversely affected by changes in funding over the last few years with reduced staff and programs, increased class sizes, etc. all of which have diminished the high standards of education once provided by Wisconsin public schools. | 1/11/2015 3:30 PM |
| 804 | Our local schools must make serious cutbacks due to state cut backs. | 1/11/2015 3:23 PM |
| 805 | We have had several referendums in recent years to increase property taxes in order to make up the deficit, and will likely need another in the future. We regularly have to fight to keep programs, and to keep/hire enough teachers to keep our class sizes small. Budget is always an issue, and lack of funds is always a hindrance to changes needed to help our students succeed. It will become more difficult to convince young families to move here if there is concern/fear we may someday not even have our own school district (may need to consolidate several towns). | 1/11/2015 3:08 PM |
| 806 | Yes, reduced staffing/programming and into of referenda to fund | 1/11/2015 3:04 PM |
| 807 | Private schools are made to be paid by tuition. Finacial aid is a different case but that is provided by the school, not tax payers. | 1/11/2015 3:01 PM |
| 808 | Rhinelander PS do not have enough funds available for continued services without our property taxes increased by amounts that are becoming unaffordable. | 1/11/2015 2:56 PM |
| 809 | Reduction after reduction. | 1/11/2015 2:54 PM |
| 810 | We should not use taxpayer money to fund private schools. | 1/11/2015 2:54 PM |
| 811 | Referendum and reduced staffing. | 1/11/2015 2:44 PM |
| 812 | It is just another way for Scott Walker to run a great state into the ground.With pay to play politics . | 1/11/2015 2:31 PM |
| 813 | My district has seen significant cuts and reductions due to the effects on our budget. We need to fund the public schools well before even considering funding anything else! | 1/11/2015 2:24 PM |
| 814 | When my children were school-age, I would have been eligible for vouchers if they were available at that time because of my income. I was against it at that time. Our public schools should be funded fully in order to provide our children with a well-rounded, secular and engaging education. | 1/11/2015 2:07 PM |
| 815 | I support vouchers! | 1/11/2015 2:03 PM |
| 816 | My educational tax dollars are supposed to go to public schools and that is what I want. I do not want my educational tax dollars to go for vouchers, charter schools, or privatized schools as this money is taken from the already cash-strapped public schools. | 1/11/2015 1:52 PM |
| 817 | School districts continue to make cuts each and every year since Act !0. It is a shame that teacher bear the brunt of the cuts. They work more for less each year. We are loosing some of the best teachers- not to other districts but to the teaching profession. | 1/11/2015 1:48 PM |
| 818 | Public schools should look to the private schools to see how they can educate their students for a lot less than the public schools and still provide a great education. Parents of private school students pay taxes so why shouldn't those taxes be used to help provide education for their children. | 1/11/2015 1:42 PM |
| 819 | Rural public school districts have taken the biggest hit. Shouldn't ALL students have the opportunity to have a wide variety of course offerings. Staff has been reduced in rural communities as well as wages. Rural communities pay their fair share of taxes but the monies are sent to bigger districts and to private schools. This is hurting the education of our students. Farmers are a big part of rural districts and their children should be given the benefits of high quality programming! | 1/11/2015 1:41 PM |

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| 820 | Public schools that offer a religion that there is no God are indeed imposing their misguided religion | 1/11/2015 1:40 PM |
| 821 | State and church are to remain separate. Budget cuts in public schools are increasing teacher/administrative stress and decreasing quality education due to lack of materials and ability to hire seasoned and experienced educators. | 1/11/2015 1:31 PM |
| 822 | Voucher schools are a burden of the taxpayer that is already struggling. | 1/11/2015 1:30 PM |
| 823 | I am totally against taxpayer money being used to fund private schools. Most private schools are operated by churches and teach religious concepts, thus violating both the Wisconsin and US Constitutions. Moreover, funding private schools drains money from the public schools, causing them to eliminate staff, faculty, courses and resources. | 1/11/2015 1:16 PM |
| 824 | When I grew up if you wanted to go to a privet school ,religous or other wisw paid for themselves | 1/11/2015 1:12 PM |
| 825 | Education should be free. Money should be spent to make public education the best it can be. We shouldn't cut money on public education to give it to private institutions. | 1/11/2015 1:07 PM |
| 826 | If they want to go to private schools they should have to pay for it. Why do the public schools have to go understaffed,underpaid? | 1/11/2015 1:01 PM |
| 827 | Reduced staffing and programming | 1/11/2015 12:39 PM |
| 828 | I send my children to a private school. There are too many special and large class sizes in the public school. | 1/11/2015 12:29 PM |
| 829 | I've been out of direct info about our schools since my daughter graduated 10 years ago, but have a very active young neighbors who keep me up to date. We do fund raisers for upgrade of playground & accessibility. | 1/11/2015 11:58 AM |
| 830 | Our district, in spite of the highest unemployment in the state, recently passed a new funding referendum. My fear is that it will lead to continued bloating at the district office and not be effectively used to fund overdue and needed repairs and upgrades to buildings, infrastructure, meet staffing needs, etc. We have certainly struggled since state budget cuts put more of the burden of funding onto local communities. | 1/11/2015 11:56 AM |
| 831 | Parents have the right to provide their children with a religious education, in their own home, their church, or, if they wish to finance it, in a parochial school - if they so choose. They do not have the right to expect society to pay for that parochial school education. I doubt that those who are lobbying for public support of private religious schools would be so happy to pay for non-Christian schools. In fact, I believe that many would be up in arms if a muslim school applied for voucher status and public funding. Public schools all across the state are suffering from budget cuts. Class sizes have been increasing, classroom budgets have been cut and teachers are stretched so thin that they are finding it next to impossible to provide individualized attention that students need in order to be successful. Teachers often find it necessary to work ten to twelve hours a day just to satisfy the goals of their district, prepare for standardized testing, make up lesson plans that will allow them to: present the state standards without needed supplies, as well as make up for the time lost to standardized testing. | 1/11/2015 11:47 AM |
| 832 | Parents who send their children to private/parochial schools pay taxes that support public schools, they should not be discriminated against because of where they choose to send their children. Rather, the state should commit to supporting all schools and all schools. K-12 schools should not be treated any differently that post secondary schools where students are offered grants/loans to attend private colleges. Public schools are running scared because they have never had competition. Having said that the current method of accountability--i.e. testing, testing, testing, is absurd and that needs to be addressed. I have worked in both private and public education as a principal. I know the quality of education that is provided in private parochial schools and I also know the complacency and quite rankly laziness of many public school employees who now are frightened about the future of their schools because they have not really had to work to ensure the future of their schools. In contrast, private and parochial schools understand that they must work hard and provide an excellent education in order to keep their numbers. Stop fighting against vouchers and start fighting for fair funding of all schools in our state. And please add my name to your email listing so that I can have the opportunity to voice my support of vouchers in the State of Wisconsin when the are disussed. | 1/11/2015 11:35 AM |
| 833 | The research is in. This plan does not work. Why do,we weaken public schools further and put taxpayer money into schools that don't have the same requirements. I will never understand this. | 1/11/2015 11:34 AM |
| 834 | Parents of private school children pay taxes which support the public schools that their children do not attend. Either their tax money supports both private and public schools or they should not pay school tax. The public schools overspend; plain and simple. If they learn to better spend their money this would be less of an issue. | 1/11/2015 11:34 AM |
| 835 | Cutting funding for voucher/private/religious schools is not helpful, instead a more balanced funding is needed. Some students benefit from private and religious education, this education should be open to all students regardless of income or socioeconomic status. | 1/11/2015 11:26 AM |
| 836 | If you want private school for you children, you should have to pay for that option. | 1/11/2015 11:17 AM |
| 837 | My district is facing a 10 million dollar shortfall. I have worked with special needs students for over 20 years. Never have we had to do so much with so little. I have seen a decline in how we serve all students. Let's build up our public school system, rather than gut it. There is a wonderful foundation laid already. | 1/11/2015 11:07 AM |

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| 838 | We have seen reduced staffing in our area, programs have been cut. Reality is that my smaller school will be nonexistent in the next 5 years because of all these cuts | 1/11/2015 11:06 AM |
| 839 | Public schools are struggling with lack of funds. I have seen class sizes increase, special education staff decrease forcing higher caseloads and decreased services for our students struggling the most. | 1/11/2015 11:01 AM |
| 840 | education should be available for all! We have a great school district & need the support of funding | 1/11/2015 10:55 AM |
| 841 | If you want the public schools to be successful you must fund them adequately. Diverting that money to vouchers hurts the students in public ed. | 1/11/2015 10:53 AM |
| 842 | I think every school in the state should be given the same amount of funding for each student. I also believe that eventually charter schools will be made to be more accountable. Right now they are so new and parents are just glad to be in the school. Public schools were the same way in many years past. Spend the money going to charter and other private schools to "fix" public schooling and make sure every single student has the same dollar sign above their head. | 1/11/2015 10:50 AM |
| 843 | It is simply WRONG. | 1/11/2015 10:39 AM |
| 844 | There are too many cuts to public education already. The voucher plan robs schools of desperately needed funding and puts an unfair burden on families, students and school staffs who support public schools. If families want to send their children to private schools, it should not be at the cost of public schools which are there for ALL students. | 1/11/2015 10:37 AM |
| 845 | I particularly object to publid funds for private and religious schools. Public funds for public schools only. | 1/11/2015 10:30 AM |
| 846 | Teachers are stretched beyond their abilities, budgets are cut for even basic needs. | 1/11/2015 10:17 AM |
| 847 | I think this survey was clearly made by a group that supports the teacher's union. Republicans and Scott Walker are awesome! | 1/11/2015 10:14 AM |
| 848 | My hard eaned money should not b going toward a orivate school... let thise oarents fund their iwn schools along with busing costs. Scott walker is a nut case | 1/11/2015 10:03 AM |
| 849 | The taxpayer is already taxed to death! Senator's and governors always say the taxes will not go up and they ALWAYS do! Private schools are just that, if you want and can afford to send your kids to private school, fine, be prepared to paying tuition!! Public schools are as such that the taxpayer, supports them. Taxes keep raising so our schools should be fine, if not then they should be cutting back on all the perks amend HIGH WAGES of the people in office. They are getting richer and richer, they pay less in taxes, get perks all the time and THIS is what is causing our problems. No more freebies! Less pay. Put all of that towards SCHOOLS!! | 1/11/2015 10:01 AM |
| 850 | Private schools should not receive any funding from tax payers money.. period. State monies should only support PUBLIC schools. | 1/11/2015 9:59 AM |
| 851 | I feel the voucher system should go. Our public schools are struggling with funding. Why should we fund the private schools? Let them deal with their own funding. We don't fund other private businesses with tax payer money. | 1/11/2015 9:56 AM |
| 852 | Private school and charter school don't have to prove they are teaching. Over $200,000 paid to the administrator of a school recently closed. When will taxpayers get fed up? | 1/11/2015 9:54 AM |
| 853 | We don't have the money to support 3 school systems, especially unaccountable ones. | 1/11/2015 9:53 AM |
| 854 | Staffing is being reduced within schools causing educator burn out, different programs are being cut because of the inability to have staff for the positions. Teachers are being faced with financial hardship due to no pay raises as the cost of living continues to increase the pay scale does not. Teachers end up paying lots of out of pocket expenses and are not reimbursed for these purchases. Referendums are always a concept up for discussion and not taken well by the public. | 1/11/2015 9:51 AM |
| 855 | public schools are under the microscope all the time because they receive public dollars. Why do voucher school continue to be able to take public funding with very little accountability? Also, voucher schools profess to be the perfect solution and recruit families with children who have special needs, count those children at the roll call deadline to receive funding for them, then tell the families that the school is not equipped to address the child's special needs. Families are forced back to public schools, who have now lost the funding for that child. My public school children suffer for this system. | 1/11/2015 9:48 AM |
| 856 | My tax money should go to public schools only, you want to go to a private school pay for it yourself. | 1/11/2015 9:45 AM |
| 857 | Public schools are struggling and need every penny they can get. Money should not be siphoned off for private schools and weaken our public schools even more. | 1/11/2015 9:41 AM |
| 858 | Tax dollars should NOT be going to private or charter schools, period. My school district is suffering. Everyone is making due with less, however schools with a wealthier population are able to fill in some gaps through PTO grants, private donations, fundraisers, etc. Poorer schools do not have those options and are suffering even more. | 1/11/2015 9:39 AM |

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| 859 | i wish I lived in a state that cared about public education. I wish I had the means to move my family to a state where education is a priority. I can't believe anyone would want to be a teacher in Wisconsin. | 1/11/2015 9:38 AM |
| 860 | n/a | 1/11/2015 9:38 AM |
| 861 | Referendums needed passing, cut the number of classroom teachers thus increasing class sizes, fewer support services offered, collapsed offerings in the fine arts | 1/11/2015 9:33 AM |
| 862 | Private schools do not have to follow the same rules as public schools. If a private school doesn't like the behavior or academic ability of a student, then they can encourage them to go to a public school. The public schools have taken a beating after Act 10. They are being threatened with shutting down with low performing students, while private can just get rid of them. | 1/11/2015 9:26 AM |
| 863 | Public taxpayers $'s should be used for Public School Education | 1/11/2015 9:20 AM |
| 864 | Our country is founded on the principle of separation of church and state and free public education. Those who wish to opt for a private education need to not only pay for the public education offered to all, but also for any private education they may choose instead. | 1/11/2015 9:16 AM |
| 865 | Private schools should be funded by the people who want to go to private schools. They should be held to the same standards of public schools, if they want public money. They should take the same tests as public schools, if the want public dollars. | 1/11/2015 9:15 AM |
| 866 | Allow credits on income tax returns. | 1/11/2015 9:14 AM |
| 867 | They are running on a shoestring budget. Teachers are stressed | 1/11/2015 9:13 AM |
| 868 | Unconstitutional and further segregates students and families socio-economically. It is a failed experiment that has not improved student achievement. | 1/11/2015 9:12 AM |
| 869 | Thus "voucher" program started out in Milwaukee because of the city's failing schools. The schools were failing for multiple reasons, not the least of which was "White flight" to the suburbs, and lowered tax dollars available for schools, and institutional racism. The Catholics used that entre to start sucking millions out of the state's education fund and fund their own religious indoctrination schools. The voucher program must end, and the public schools must again be quality institutions. A free nation requires an educated populace. | 1/11/2015 9:10 AM |
| 870 | I believe the voucher system is creating a dual system. I strongly support continued funding to public schools with no vouchers. Struggling schools need support, not to be penalized. The troubles in our schools are societal and we need to address them as a community. I don't think expanding vouchers is the solution. | 1/11/2015 9:05 AM |
| 871 | taxpayer dollars should not be used for religious education; I have seen reduced staffing, increased class size, increased teaching load, and referendum to fund district operations | 1/11/2015 9:04 AM |
| 872 | I do NOT support my tax dollars paying for student's religious educations.. Parents and churches should be responsible for it. Schools are for teaching! | 1/11/2015 9:00 AM |
| 873 | Something is urgently needed to raise education from the total ruin it is now in. Education is too important to turn into a rest home for lazy bureaucrats or to be diverted entirely to the purpose of political indoctrination of children. | 1/11/2015 8:51 AM |
| 874 | In Racine we have seen programs cut or elimanted all together, staffing reduced and a mentality of just getting a position filled regardless of qualification. We have seen students leave with vouchers to go to priivate schools and a city that has to pass a referendum to cover costs. | 1/11/2015 8:49 AM |
| 875 | I am highly opposed to any tax dollars going towards private education, in any way. Lower income families can qualify for scholarships at private schools if they want to attend private schools. We need to keep all educational tax-dollars in public schools and make them better. | 1/11/2015 8:48 AM |
| 876 | Expanded class sizes, more pay for service and activities, staff morale issues as administrators battle teachers because of tight budgets. | 1/11/2015 8:42 AM |
| 877 | Is think all children should be entitled to the best education available to them no matter what type of school. | 1/11/2015 8:31 AM |
| 878 | I work in public schools. I have seen an increase in class sizes, elimination of para-professionals, elimination of professional development opportunites, and reduced budgets to provide ample materials to assist in student learning. | 1/11/2015 8:31 AM |
| 879 | These funds are killing public schools. The atmosphere for teachers is becoming less appealing. This is not a fair situation for everyone. | 1/11/2015 8:23 AM |

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| 880 | Public money is for public schools. Public schools are held accountable by the community they serve. If all people in the business of educating our children held themselves and their colleagues accountable for the awesome responsibility they have as educators there would be no discussion. Private schools have a different motivation. It is not providing a space where all students from all cultural, socio-economic backgrounds come together to learn how to be empathetic, team players, diliberative citizens with a completely equal chance at succeeding in life. They are a microcosm of our country and its promise to all. | 1/11/2015 8:08 AM |
| 881 | I'm familiar with a public charter school that celebrates only one religion. It also regularly uses isolation to punish students. | 1/11/2015 8:00 AM |
| 882 | Yes , funding in our school district has hurt our public education. | 1/11/2015 7:54 AM |
| 883 | The aim of these programs is to eliminate public schools. It is a financial boondoggle and an ideological revolution. Its aims are to siphon tax-payer money into corporate pockets and to allow fringe group extremists to indoctrinate children into their particular viewpoints without any accountability. | 1/11/2015 5:46 AM |
| 884 | Public schools are held to higher standards and are being challenged with less revenue. This has reduced available programming and not meeting the needs of the students. | 1/11/2015 4:59 AM |
| 885 | Cuts in funding are severely impacting the quality of education students are receiving. Less teachers means bigger class sizes means each child gets less help. | 1/11/2015 12:58 AM |
| 886 | Despite the "tools" of the government...our district has a budget deficit to make up this year. | 1/11/2015 12:18 AM |
| 887 | i think the public schools are being systematically starved of funding to privatize schools. I think g we will end up with a two tier sschool system for the haves and have nots. This is morally wrong. | 1/11/2015 12:14 AM |
| 888 | I am opposed to any use of public dollars to support religious education. | 1/10/2015 11:44 PM |
| 889 | State funds should not be used to fund private schools. It has reduced funding to public education hamstringing it. | 1/10/2015 11:23 PM |
| 890 | I think act 10 is working great for my area. We have a surplus of money and are able to increase programs in the schools for the kids. | 1/10/2015 11:07 PM |
| 891 | Cannot accept this direction in our school budget...Our taxes are not meant to support private schools. period | 1/10/2015 10:42 PM |
| 892 | I fear for the quality of my grandchildren's education. Our country has provided equal education for all students. There is no reason to change this-especially when frequently the 'private' education has lower standards and no accountability. | 1/10/2015 10:30 PM |
| 893 | Our small school district has been devastated by cuts resulting from off the top funding of vouchers. | 1/10/2015 10:26 PM |
| 894 | Referenda for teacher compensation model has been introduced. | 1/10/2015 10:15 PM |
| 895 | There have been staff and programming cutbacks in our schools for the past 12 years. We need a funding system where all students deserve an opportunity to become the best they can be, no matter where they come from. | 1/10/2015 10:15 PM |
| 896 | No taxpayer money for private schools! Public school education needs to be improved not cutting programming. | 1/10/2015 10:11 PM |
| 897 | Larger class sizes, need for additional FT teachers and support staff | 1/10/2015 9:57 PM |
| 898 | I did not know that tax money is used to pay for private schools. I did not know that people can have tax write off for private schools. This is very wrong and we have to STOP this practice. | 1/10/2015 9:31 PM |
| 899 | Special education has had too many reductions in paraprofessionals. When does it become unsafe for our students? | 1/10/2015 9:21 PM |
| 900 | The state should get out of the education business. They have proven to be incompetent. | 1/10/2015 9:09 PM |
| 901 | It's just another scheme to take money from taxpayers and profit from them. These are the real takers ... | 1/10/2015 9:08 PM |
| 902 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools while public schools are having to lay off teachers and cut programs due to lack of funds. The district I live in and the district I taught in both are struggling with insufficient funding. The district where I live has had to reduce its staff by 25% because of decreases in funding. | 1/10/2015 9:07 PM |
| 903 | Public schools need HELP...not hindrance! | 1/10/2015 9:03 PM |
| 904 | The public needs a open truthful discussion on why some students/ schools are failing. Poverty is too big a problem highlighting societal's lackkhbzzâ | 1/10/2015 8:53 PM |
| 905 | I think it is ridiculous to expect schools to function and students to succeed under constantly shrinking budgets and under equipped facilities. I don't think funding private schools is the best answer, but it might help reduce the load on public schools. | 1/10/2015 8:52 PM |
| 906 | Reduced staffing and programming | 1/10/2015 8:50 PM |

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| 907 | No taxpayer money should be used fund private schools. | 1/10/2015 8:11 PM |
| 908 | It's despicable | 1/10/2015 8:07 PM |
| 909 | I do not agree at all with vouchers for children to attend private schools, nor do I agree with taking money from our public schools to hand over to people who choose to send their children to private schools. I'm fine with private schools teaching what they want to their students, but taxpayers should not have to foot any of the bill. Our school district is seeing reduced staffing and programming, and has lost some of its best educators because of some of the laws now governing schools in Wisconsin. Act 10 did extreme damage to our district, in my opinion. | 1/10/2015 8:05 PM |
| 910 | It is not appropriate to fund any private school with public monies period. Then it is no longer private and should be held as accountable as any public school. I do not believe my money should be used in any way to teach any religious beliefs to any one. | 1/10/2015 8:05 PM |
| 911 | No public money should be used for any private school!!! | 1/10/2015 7:56 PM |
| 912 | I am totally against taxpayer funded private schools!!! | 1/10/2015 7:39 PM |
| 913 | Winde the inception of Act 10, teacher workload has been increased from 5 to 6 classes for full time secondary teachers, or by 20%, for no additional money. | 1/10/2015 7:38 PM |
| 914 | Public schools have been a key to a free thorough education for our nations children . Tax payers education dollars should be spent on making our public schools places where qualified teachers provide the best education possible. | 1/10/2015 7:37 PM |
| 915 | The staffing and programming is decreasing, demands on the staff is increasing dramatically, and class sizes are HUGE! | 1/10/2015 7:34 PM |
| 916 | My child attends private school. That is a personal choice that I do not believe should be "rewarded" with special tax breaks, or vouchers. Private schools should, not be funded by taxes, by vouchers or otherwise, but should have the freedom to behave as their communities feel is acceptable when it comes to behavior requirements of students, testing, staff qualifications, etc. These schools are to be held accountable by the people who are committing to them, and their institutional boards. | 1/10/2015 7:34 PM |
| 917 | This is a scam. One of Walker's ideas to bad mouth public education due to his financial backing by BIG money. | 1/10/2015 7:25 PM |
| 918 | it is clearly unconstitutional to provide taxpayer funds to religious based schools! What is being done in the courts to stop this!!!!!! | 1/10/2015 7:22 PM |
| 919 | If a voucher school takes taxpayer money, it should have to follow the same rules as the tax-paid public schools. And they should only allow vouchers for the economically disadvantaged - not the family who can afford private schhools. | 1/10/2015 7:20 PM |
| 920 | I have closely followed the Stevens Point Public Schools Board meetings and have frequent conversations with teachers in the district. Not only have there been staff reductions, but numerous cuts to supplies, programs, teacher benefits and salary. Work loads were increased and retiring teachers not replaced. There is no question in my mind that the once exemplary education system in Wisconsin has been seriously damaged by the Draconian cuts in the last few years. As a tax payer, I strongly resent funds being siphoned from our public schools to pay for private institutions, especially those not regulated and accountable for their results. | 1/10/2015 7:15 PM |
| 921 | The funding of private schools appears to be an attempt to draw students away from public schools. The fact that private schools do not having to follow the strict guidelines the government imposes on public schools, to ensure well educated students, seems to verify that the government is favoring private schools over public schools. | 1/10/2015 6:53 PM |
| 922 | Our district is suffering financially. Many high quality teachers have left. Student behavior is escalating with fewer supports. | 1/10/2015 6:53 PM |
| 923 | I oppose funding private schools with taxpayer money. All students have the opportunity to attend public schools, if they choose to seek education elsewhere, they should be responsible for the cost, similar to participation in extra curricular sports or music programs. | 1/10/2015 6:51 PM |
| 924 | If you want your child to go to a private school, then you should pay the tuition. | 1/10/2015 6:47 PM |
| 925 | No tax payer funds should go to private schools! | 1/10/2015 6:33 PM |
| 926 | Taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund any private education regardless of affiliation. The cuts that public schools in Wisconsin have suffered are the largest cuts to education in the Nation! We need to fund our public schools in a way that allows our children to receive the best education available! | 1/10/2015 6:28 PM |
| 927 | Teachers are leaving because of reimbursement cutbacks | 1/10/2015 6:27 PM |
| 928 | The state constitution provides only for public schools, not private. Therefore no public dollars should be spent on private schools. If they are, they should follow all of the same laws and requirements as public schools. | 1/10/2015 6:16 PM |
| 929 | reduced stafing | 1/10/2015 6:03 PM |

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| 930 | Private schools are separate and elite No vouchers or tax breaks for the family. | 1/10/2015 5:59 PM |
| 931 | Gov Walker and allies have decimated local school districts and technical colleges. | 1/10/2015 5:45 PM |
| 932 | I'm against using public money to fund private education. | 1/10/2015 5:40 PM |
| 933 | Our taxes should be going to our public schools! I have seen referendums in neighboring towns to support their public schools. It will not be long before our town is asking for extra money because our legislators won't give our schools adequate money. | 1/10/2015 5:26 PM |
| 934 | I live in Rhinelander but only recently moved here. I know that transportation costs and low enrollment are KILLING the budgets of smaller, rural school districts up here. Many are closing schools and/or consolidating with nearby districts to stay afloat. Some have gone bankrupt. What's to become of the children in those communities?? If the trend continues the quality of education and possibly the availability of education is in jeopardy for these small districts. How can we allow that to happen????? As for funding private schools, I think some tax dollars could be used to help support an individual's tuition, but there should be a cap and it should be lower than what it currently is. I do NOT agree however with the funding of charter schools, or for the use of tax dollars in the form of vouchers for an individual to attend a charter school. I do not consider established private, religious schools to be charter schools. In my opinion a charter school is a private sector endeavor and should be financed as such. (investors, individual tuition) But because it is an educational facility it should be required to abide by the standard set for education in this state. | 1/10/2015 4:58 PM |
| 935 | Taxpayer money should not be used for private schools. This in essence is welfare for the rich. They can afford to pay their own way if they opt out of the public school system. | 1/10/2015 4:44 PM |
| 936 | We have seen cuts to programming and staff. | 1/10/2015 4:38 PM |
| 937 | reduced offerigs, referendums re funding. | 1/10/2015 4:13 PM |
| 938 | Introduction of referenda to finance district needs. | 1/10/2015 4:13 PM |
| 939 | Teachers have not even been given cost of living increases. In reality this has meant they are making less than they did 3-4 years ago. | 1/10/2015 4:13 PM |
| 940 | Funding private schools with taxpayer money will set up our public schools to fail. As a recently retired teacher, I experienced ever-increasing responsibilities added to my load and the educational system in general without any additional funds to support them. I retired because I couldn't work any harder. There was simply not enough hours in a day to accomplish what was expected of me. | 1/10/2015 4:11 PM |
| 941 | Special Needs Children Are not being Served By the Voucher System | 1/10/2015 4:04 PM |
| 942 | Persons choosing private schools for their childs education should not be given tax breaks. This is their choice. Public Schools in my area have seen reduction in staff, and massive increase in class sizes. | 1/10/2015 4:03 PM |
| 943 | I feel that the state is simply creating new fangled public education by using tax payer dollars to support private schools, but without standards. This certainly cuts into the funding and functioning of true public education providers. Our public school children feel the cut when they sit in overcrowded classrooms, are given limited opportunities due to cuts in programming, and are no longer taught by teachers whose main job is to teach. Teachers still love the children and love teaching, but are now required to over test the children which takes away from teaching time, and spend more time documenting and collecting data as evidence that they can teach and the children can learn than to just do their jobs of educating our children. | 1/10/2015 4:01 PM |
| 944 | not well at all. It'll take 5 years before all this destruction by act 10 shows up then too late. | 1/10/2015 4:00 PM |
| 945 | No taxpayer monies should be used for private schools of any kind. | 1/10/2015 3:45 PM |
| 946 | Some middle schools in Madison have a library media technician specialist (librarian) half time only. Research shows students with libraries perform better than those without. In the 50 years I have been involved and/or observing MMSD school libraries I have seen them being down-graded. We are no longer the exemplary libraries we once were. Having professionally staffed libraries will need the money which may be going to private schools. Public schools MUST HAVE that funding! | 1/10/2015 3:41 PM |
| 947 | reduced staffing and programming | 1/10/2015 3:23 PM |
| 948 | I went to private schools for 12 years and my parents and I paid for it. There needs to be a separation of church and state. | 1/10/2015 3:23 PM |
| 949 | Reduced staffing, higher class sizes. | 1/10/2015 3:14 PM |
| 950 | Private is exactly that...if you want to belong, then pay for this "special" service!! | 1/10/2015 2:57 PM |
| 951 | Any parent who wants their child to attend a private school should pay for it with no taxpayer assistance in the form of vouchers or tax credits. The elementary school in my neighborhood is relying on donations of supplies and volunteer hours in order to function at an acceptable level. | 1/10/2015 2:52 PM |

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| 952 | Vouchers are a path to segregation and I do not want my taxes to go to religious education | 1/10/2015 2:36 PM |
| 953 | Eliminate any public financing of private schools | 1/10/2015 2:23 PM |
| 954 | I have seen the continued disregard for the public school system in WI ever since Act 10 was passed. The vouchers are just another attack from right winged politicians trying to eliminate public schools in WI. If parents choose not to participate in public education then they choose the financial burden of a private school. It is not the tax payers responsibility to teach children religious education and I certainly do not want any of my hard earned tax dollars going to teach children information that is exclusionary, biased and not held appropriately accountable for where that money goes. As a special education staff member I have seen what the lack of accountability in a private school has done to some special education students as services are not implemented and the window of early intervention opportunities closes permanently. | 1/10/2015 2:11 PM |
| 955 | Class sizes have gone up and funding has gone down. | 1/10/2015 1:33 PM |
| 956 | No taxpayer money should go to fund private schools. It is a parents choice to send their children to private school and they have made the necessary monetary arrangements to do so. As a public school teacher who works in various buildings, I have seen the horrible effects our school district has suffered from loss of funds. Staff have been let go, buildings need repair, older text books are still in circulation, just to name a few, and generally moral is low. | 1/10/2015 1:17 PM |
| 957 | I hear of dissatisfied and frustrated teachers who are trying to provide the same quality education that the state once supported, but with fewer financial resources. | 1/10/2015 12:56 PM |
| 958 | Continual referenda for operating expenses. Budget cuts are resulting in the reduction of class offerings, etc. Our schools are suffering. | 1/10/2015 12:53 PM |
| 959 | The public schools operating in my distrct, which is a small rural district, has successfully passed referendums to improve physical property and provide necessary educatinal/curricular technology. However, managing the costs of day to day needs of educating children continues to decline due to taxpayer dollars cuts. Needs such as adequate stafffing for regular education students has declined and means larger class sizes for the class teachers who also need to meet the needs of English Language Learners and special education students in ever increasing class sizes. The need to meet the large increase of nonEnglish speaking students or English as a second language is largely ignored due recent state tax cuts. Special education students have Individual Education Plans, that must be met by law, and continuely increase in noncompliance due to the fact of public money, federal which never fully funded the law, and now state budget cuts which was just miniscual in an attempt to bridge the gap from lack of federal dollars with the law, consistntly being cut in recent years. Private schools collect money from families who can choose to pay or benefactors who can donate great sums to support these schools. Parochial schools are not bound to stricter laws regarding fund raising and can access amounts of money by raffels, bingo, parishoner donations, and of course tutition. Both schools have the ability to solicite funding sources that public - taxpayer funded schools cannot. | 1/10/2015 12:50 PM |
| 960 | Public taxpayer funds should not be used to support private schools. Once you choose to send your child to private school, then you are making the choice to fund your child's education. You should not get tax breaks since you are making that choice and are still responsible as a citizen to pay for public services. There are many people who don't have children, but still pay taxes for public education. | 1/10/2015 12:23 PM |
| 961 | Separation of church and state. If you want a private education, pay for it yourself. My parents paid for me to go to a private school by sacrificing - older cars, drive to family vacations, going out to eat less often, etc. | 1/10/2015 12:13 PM |
| 962 | Private schools should be paid for by the families attending these schools - not tax dollars! | 1/10/2015 12:08 PM |
| 963 | While our school district has done okay so far, any further cuts/loss of revenue will directly impact students negatively. Our district will need a referendum in the near future to expand space. Our current buildings will move beyond capacity. Vouchers are a way for people to profit in the education business. It's not better for students. With separation of church and state NO religious schools should be supported by tax payer dollars. NO VOUCHERS!! Those would like to opt out of public education are welcome to do so on their own dime. | 1/10/2015 11:57 AM |
| 964 | We've seen reduced staffing even with a student population growth. Also, our at-risk program was cut. Finally our district is facing a referendum this spring. | 1/10/2015 11:48 AM |
| 965 | I would fund only students from households below the Federal Poverty Level. Should a student be opted out of the private school, all funding stops the following month. Our School districts have budgeting problems and will now go to referendum to meet needs. | 1/10/2015 11:46 AM |
| 966 | Reduction in both staff and programs, many staff leaving the district, some teaching all together, more referendums | 1/10/2015 11:42 AM |
| 967 | I think that public money should go to public schools. If parents have a problem with their public school, they should work on improving the public school and should not be able to pull their child out and expect the state to fund that private school and should not expect local taxpayers to pay more to support public schools because the money went with the student to a private school. The public schools have buildings to keep up, and sending taxpayer money with private school pupil short-changes the public schools. I am totally against this. | 1/10/2015 11:32 AM |

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| 968 | Parents have the choice of where to send their children to school and it they choose a private school, they should be ready for the financial implications. | 1/10/2015 11:32 AM |
| 969 | I don't like my tax money going to a for-profit business. As with any for-profit business, the all mighty dollar will be more important that the students. Why can we just look at what other countries are doing, and doing well with their public education systems? | 1/10/2015 11:24 AM |
| 970 | Taxpayer money should only go to very low income families. | 1/10/2015 11:18 AM |
| 971 | Have seen reduced funding and higher stress with more laid on teachers with more responsibilities, less time and inabiility to do what they do best...teach. | 1/10/2015 11:16 AM |
| 972 | Because I live in Madison, where people actually believe in public schools I have seen an outpouring of support from parents, etc. But I've also seen the morale of teachers plummet. Many have resigned since Act 10. I am a substitute teacher and I have yet to meet these "bad teachers." | 1/10/2015 11:11 AM |
| 973 | Follow the Constitution: No tax monies to religious schools or private schools; State Superintendent's Fair Funding should be considered as best alternative to funding; all public schools are suffering in outrageous ways - that is our children & our future! All efforts should be in place to stop this outrage on our most precious resource!! Educators should be treated with the highest respect and that includes salaries and benefits. | 1/10/2015 10:59 AM |
| 974 | The mandates from which Public School operate have been set into place over the years to protect all children and to insure staff effectiveness- voucher schools are kidnapping our Public School values. | 1/10/2015 10:56 AM |
| 975 | Taxpayer money was and should always be used for public schools. | 1/10/2015 10:53 AM |
| 976 | poorly | 1/10/2015 10:47 AM |
| 977 | Whoever thought this was a good idea? If WI is moving in this direction, then what's the point of any of us paying state income taxes if the money is not used for ALL WI residents? Perhaps voucher parents shouldn't pay income taxes at all, and they can purchase (through tolls) the right to drive on our public roads & use public services, like police & fire, too. | 1/10/2015 10:46 AM |
| 978 | Under the current state funding formula, public school are under-funded in our area. Voucher schools receive more funding per student as public schools. | 1/10/2015 10:27 AM |
| 979 | No school should be punished based on student test scores. Non-educators should stop telling educators how to teach. | 1/10/2015 10:22 AM |
| 980 | We always talk about following our constitution and in this situation it isn't any different. We DO offer a free education to people through "public eduction". No where does it say we have to "pay" for a child's eduction to any school they want to attend!! Plus will it stop here or can or will it expand to home schooling or schools created by other organization less "reliable" then those private school now receiving monies. I think there are some great "private schools" but I don't feel public monies should fund them. | 1/10/2015 10:17 AM |
| 981 | Quit taking money from the public schools for the private schools. | 1/10/2015 10:16 AM |
| 982 | I think that funds should be directed back to the public school system; this would support programming and school programs that have been reduced and are struggling as a result of lack of funding. Public school funding for needed programs and programs that provide a diverse education for students have been reduced due to lack of available funding. If citizens don't want their tax dollars to go to public school;if their children do not attend public school, they should not have their private education funded at the expense of the rest of the citizenry. I think there should be sole support of the public school system (guaranteed education for all). However, If ANY voucher is to be given, it should only be in the amount of the cost of what a public school pupil would receive. The public should not being paying for the waste and mismanagement of private and charter schools which have no oversight or regulation. | 1/10/2015 10:07 AM |
| 983 | public money goes to public schools only! | 1/10/2015 9:57 AM |
| 984 | Staff reduction and for sure choice of class/subjects offered | 1/10/2015 9:47 AM |
| 985 | The funding of private schools has had a great impact on the finances of the public schools. ie: lack of books and supplies | 1/10/2015 9:43 AM |
| 986 | I have seen reduced funding to the students in my school district, as shown by larger classes and reduced materials. | 1/10/2015 9:40 AM |
| 987 | I want to keep my tax dollars. You want private school you pay yourself | 1/10/2015 9:16 AM |
| 988 | No taxpayer money should in any way fund any type of private school. All taxpayer money for education should only go to public school districts. Private schools traditionally and rightly so, have been funded by their paying clients. Our public schools have been run into the ground by inept public policies like the voucher system and charter schools. Our public schools are top heavy, just like big business. Let the teachers do their jobs. Administration basically does not know what happens in a classroom, from the Principals on up. Most of them have never taught, those that have, didn't like it thus the move up. A sad state of affairs for our children. | 1/10/2015 9:08 AM |

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| 989 | I am against it. I believe in the separation of church and state AND I believe in equal access to all, especially our special students. | 1/10/2015 9:00 AM |
| 990 | Because our federal constitution states separation of church and state, how can it be legal for churches to use tax payer money? I think we are going to see a huge decline in dedicated teaching in this state and therefore a huge decline in the quality of education provided to our children. | 1/10/2015 8:54 AM |
| 991 | Due to the voucher program creating funding gaps in public schools causing schools to not have materials to educate our children properly. I am now going to home school. As a tax payer I do not agree that our taxes should be used to support a private business. Tax dollars are public monies and should be used to better the quality of education to public school children. | 1/10/2015 8:43 AM |
| 992 | Funding for larger schools is probably not affected as much as schools in smaller districts. However, public school education is being affected and the quality of education is suffering. | 1/10/2015 8:36 AM |
| 993 | I am in my 25 year of teaching and have masters degree. My distrit MAY cut myour pay back to about 15 years and no masters. This is supposedly to make up for a deficit in healthcare money. Also my district is recruiting students from China and Russia to bring in revenue. | 1/10/2015 8:22 AM |
| 994 | Private schools should not receive any public funding. PUBLIC schools are the only schools that should receive public funds. | 1/10/2015 8:21 AM |
| 995 | Our local is struggling. Funding these voucher schools is a travesty. | 1/10/2015 8:20 AM |
| 996 | All education should be fair and equal, with the same expectations for all | 1/10/2015 8:16 AM |
| 997 | Private schools are just that--private, and they should be financially supported by those that make the choice to send their children there. Tax dollars should be used only to support public education. I strongly believe in separation of church and state. Our state government's goal is to destroy public education and hand it over to large, private corporations--there is big money to be made with the excessive testing, technology, etc. Districts are being cut to the bone and expectations for teachers and students are going up. Students are coming in less prepared for the higher expectations, because of the poverty level of many. The goal of those leading is to raise opportunities for those with funds and to deprive those with less--keep them down--uneducated and poor. I'm an old gal, and when I was a little girl, I recall my very politically involved neighbor lady saying that the goal of the Republican Party was to make the rich, richer and the poor, poorer. She was absolutely right. | 1/10/2015 8:07 AM |
| 998 | They balanced the budget by taking money from public/state employees and allowing districts to do essentially whatever they want to teachers. We have difficulty getting new teachers to come and stay because the compensation system is ridiculous. Private schools should not get a different set of rules, especially if we are to judge their performance fairly. But republicans in our state don't want to expose their pet project to objective analysis because they are afraid their shortcomings will be exposed and their goal of privatization will be shot down. | 1/10/2015 8:00 AM |
| 999 | The money should be put back into public schools, which has always been the great equalizer. Stop blaming teachers and schools for poor performance. Look at the schools themselves. You will find that poverty and terrible living and family situations are the reason for students who don't perform well. We need to offer more support and programs to those in poverty and give as much support to our public schools as possible to help them teach these students. | 1/10/2015 7:40 AM |
| 1000 | It's not right! | 1/10/2015 7:40 AM |
| 1001 | Teachers along with ALL public employees have been demeaned unbelievably. Their morale and extra efforts are at an all time low. All for the re-election funding of our politicians | 1/10/2015 7:18 AM |
| 1002 | Vouchers will destroy our education system, cause the taxpayers to shell out more money and continue to increase the gap between the rich, the middle class and the poor!!! | 1/10/2015 6:21 AM |
| 1003 | Taxes should not be used to pay for private schools. Public schools currently struggle to support the most basic educational requirements, with little or no funding left for new programs. The achievement gap in the Madison schools requires money to address special needs of some children and families but often inequities continue to exist due to lack of the financial capacity for needed programs. I am a graduate of the MPS and want my high quality education available to future generations. | 1/10/2015 3:42 AM |

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| 1004 | Open a newspaper from 75 years ago, 50 years ago, 25 years ago and there will be some story about how bad public schools are, or how underfunded schools are. Not muvh has changed. Every generation wants something better. Education is a right everyone should have. But everyone should have an opportunity to choose the school of their choice. I know what some people may think. Giving people this choice will lead us back to the days of segregated schools. As the system stands now in Milwaukee and some schools in a Madison segregation is already back and is based on neighborhood income levels. Schools that were once predominantly white are now predominantly black. An African American child in Milwaukee has few opportunities to seek a better education. Going to a parochial or charter school does not guarantee a better education. But it does exposed these children to other children from other parts of the community. Which is a different, unmeasurable (by school boards and schools) type of education that can be beneficial to society as a whole. I also believe that voucher schools should have the same standards as other public schools. Like other government contracts and agreements there are standard rules that anyone who wants money from the government needs to meet, abide by. Not just in areas of disabilities but also in terms of reporting outcomes, payment of employees (in this case teachers and admin staff). Everyone should be treated fairly and equally. | 1/10/2015 3:09 AM |
| 1005 | Tax payer money should not be used to fund private schools. When parents choose to send their child to a private school they are choosing a luxury they should pay for themselves. | 1/10/2015 2:41 AM |
| 1006 | Don't like it when they walk off in the middle of the night with taxpayer money. Do t like the loss of local control. I think it's bullshit that voucher parents and private school parents get money and homeschoolers don't -- after all its expensive to do it yourself. I am totally opposed to voucher schools being funded by the government. There are better ways. | 1/10/2015 2:31 AM |
| 1007 | Montello high school facing closure for lack of funding | 1/10/2015 1:40 AM |
| 1008 | I do not want my money funding for profit schools | 1/10/2015 12:31 AM |
| 1009 | Private schools should not be publically funded!! Public ed. should not lose funding to private choices! | 1/9/2015 11:51 PM |
| 1010 | Taxpayer dollars are for PUBLIC schools. If you can afford a private school, great - pay for it. Vouchers are joke. Those who really need them don't get much use out of them anyway. It's a boondoggle and the citizens of Wisconsin are being scammed. Our children are being robbed of their education. | 1/9/2015 11:47 PM |
| 1011 | separation of church-that is what I think | 1/9/2015 11:47 PM |
| 1012 | Let the taxpayers decide where their students should attend school. | 1/9/2015 11:27 PM |
| 1013 | Private schools are a choice. Keep them a choice, they offer their own scholarships and tuition sliding scales. Leave vouchers out of state taxes. | 1/9/2015 11:24 PM |
| 1014 | Yes. Cutting programs and increasing class size. Taxpayer money should not be used for private schools! | 1/9/2015 11:22 PM |
| 1015 | referenda | 1/9/2015 11:13 PM |
| 1016 | It's wrong | 1/9/2015 11:05 PM |
| 1017 | Many schools needed to have referendums around where I live and work. | 1/9/2015 10:55 PM |
| 1018 | Wisconsin public schools are shamefully underfunded. There should be more leadership from state. Teacher standards and salaries should be standard through the state. Property taxes are a terrible way to fund local schools. | 1/9/2015 10:48 PM |
| 1019 | private schools should have to run according to public schools laws,or be out of funding. in certain cases for the disabled,there should be optional schools funded but with the same laws as public system | 1/9/2015 10:16 PM |
| 1020 | I grew up in private Catholic schools. My parents paid for the tuition,fees, books, etc throughout my grade and high school years. It was their choosing to send me to Catholic schools and they accepted the responsibility for pay for it. They were not rich. My dad was the sole worker and a blue collar. Both of my parents worked hard and we were respected in the community. I am now in my 70's. | 1/9/2015 10:13 PM |
| 1021 | If you're using my tax dollars, I expect the same rules & regulations, standards and expectations followed as any public school. | 1/9/2015 10:02 PM |
| 1022 | The use of taxpayer money to fund private schools is fundamentally WRONG and should be unconstitutional. | 1/9/2015 9:57 PM |
| 1023 | Attending private schools is a choice that should be paid for by the parents. The majority of Wisconsin's public schools are very good and provide an above average education for ALL students; they should be funded adequately by the State. | 1/9/2015 9:54 PM |
| 1024 | I don't approve of any tax dollars going toward private schools. I worry about destroying our public school system which is the heart of especially rural communities. For profit and education are not compatible. | 1/9/2015 9:49 PM |
| 1025 | yes we lot teachers last year and our classes got bigger | 1/9/2015 9:38 PM |
| 1026 | Public money — tax revenues — should be used for public schools, never for private schools. | 1/9/2015 9:32 PM |

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| 1027 | I have never thought State funding of private religious schools was acceptable. It's a direct violation of the separation of church and state. I am slightly less bothered by non-religious private schools. But I think the best use of tax dollars is to make improvements to public schools. A high quality free education through high school complete with science and facts that religious schools find so 'troublesome' is a right, not a consumer product. Making it a product ensures you will have the wrong priorities and the kids lose. SAT's and ACT's from charter schools are low and poor at best. I know this absolutely I have seen it over and over again with my own eyes while working for UW Milwaukee. This might be a long shot but if you guys are hiring ..... I'm looking.... just saying.... you got my e-mail below I'd be happy to send my resume..... | 1/9/2015 9:20 PM |
| 1028 | Public schools are in dire need of more money. They have more and more students at the poverty level. | 1/9/2015 9:02 PM |
| 1029 | I do not want my tax dollars going to support private schools. PERIOD! | 1/9/2015 9:01 PM |
| 1030 | Our schools are not failing. Quit trying to re-write the rules to make sure they appear to be. | 1/9/2015 8:55 PM |
| 1031 | Cut in number of staff, cut in take home pay (do not get full CPI raises, pay more for insurance benefits out of pocket) | 1/9/2015 8:47 PM |
| 1032 | It is my opinion that the voucher schools are meant to divide students by class, with benefits going to conservative and non-inclusive entities, promoted by ALEC and the Koch Bros. Divide and conquer is their motto, possibly a system such as seen in pre WWI Great Britain, seeking a return to a ruling class. | 1/9/2015 8:41 PM |
| 1033 | Taxpayer money should be used to improve those public schools which are currently underperforming and not put money into charter schools for those students who want to move into a "better" school that has no criteria for accountability and can be selective in admission practices.Put more tax dollars into rural schools | 1/9/2015 8:35 PM |
| 1034 | If private schools are accepting public dollars they MUST adhere to the exact same rules and guidelines as public schools. | 1/9/2015 8:23 PM |
| 1035 | I am a product of a parochial school, but that was the choice of my parents, and they continued to pay their taxes to public schools. As a 40 year veteran public school teacher I am so saddened as I watch the extreme budget cuts facing our schools. I was even asked to pay a yearly fee for the electricity used in my classroom. | 1/9/2015 8:19 PM |
| 1036 | Where your child goes to school is your choice, but I shouldn't have to pay for your choice. As WI public school staff, my spouse & I have had our benefits cuts. This took $4000 OUT of our pockets; our school was forced to refigure classrooms so they could cut staff. This has caused the children to receive less/fewer services. Older Teachers are being forced out, so the board can hire younger, CHEAPER, but less experienced teachers to replace them. | 1/9/2015 8:17 PM |
| 1037 | Walker wants to insidiously change our accountable public schools into unaccountable private schools. | 1/9/2015 8:15 PM |
| 1038 | Our district will need a referendum in April to meet costs. | 1/9/2015 8:05 PM |
| 1039 | It guts the public school system. There is no quality control of the private school. The private school can reject students for admission. No vouchers ever! | 1/9/2015 7:48 PM |
| 1040 | I don't see a problem with taxpayer funding of religious education. The Pell Grant pays for my friends to attend Marquette while I attend UWM. Very few object to this. I support Universal School Choice that gives all students an equal scholarship to attend the school of their choice. Public schools would then be given a sizable base funding in addition to the funds from their students and would be required to provide busing in certain radius. Private school would be allowed to charge additional tuition. Colleges work like this and its fine. | 1/9/2015 7:47 PM |
| 1041 | Too early to tell, however since there are 2 private schools in my small town of 3300 it cannot help but hurt the public school, which is already cut to the bone. I am deeply relieved that my children are graduating before their school inevitably hits bottom. | 1/9/2015 7:40 PM |
| 1042 | Budget cuts have cost the public schools many experienced teachers and they are choking an already hard-pressed school system. | 1/9/2015 7:31 PM |
| 1043 | Taxpapyer money should not be used to fund private schools. If parents want to send their children to a private school they should pay for it because it is their choice to do so! | 1/9/2015 7:08 PM |
| 1044 | I think private schools are fine if they are supported by the families that use them. But taxpayer money should only be used for public schools. | 1/9/2015 7:08 PM |
| 1045 | These schools in no way help those citizens with school-age children who live in remote areas far from the schools. They simply take our much needed local taxpayers funding away from our area public schools. As a result, our schools are forced to go through referendum to get funding necessary to stay open and viable. | 1/9/2015 7:08 PM |
| 1046 | Teacher-student ratios have risen significantly. Programs such as foreign language have been reduced or cut. Fine arts programs have been reduced or cut. Two referenda have fortunately passed; the citizens value education more than our legislators it seems. | 1/9/2015 6:54 PM |
| 1047 | not one penny of tax payer dollars should be used to fund voucher schools unless they follow the exact same rules as public schools. | 1/9/2015 6:52 PM |

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| 1048 | I want all my taxes to go to public schools so the best education is available to all students. | 1/9/2015 6:41 PM |
| 1049 | I achieved a Ph. D. after attending public schools--lets insure that they continue to serve Wisconsin residents. | 1/9/2015 6:30 PM |
| 1050 | I don't think it's right, particularly when they are in no way accountable and can cherry pick their students. Our school district has been cutting for years and is now down to the bone. Classe sizes are getting bigger and bigger which is a major problem. | 1/9/2015 6:30 PM |
| 1051 | I don't think public funds should be used to fund private schools. All schools in Wisconsin are struggling with the decreased funding. | 1/9/2015 6:14 PM |
| 1052 | We are losing quality teachers from our public schools in Eau Claire. | 1/9/2015 6:12 PM |
| 1053 | Our local schools are desperately low on funds, and are always asking for donations. Please give our schools the funding they need to do a good job. | 1/9/2015 6:10 PM |
| 1054 | We have seen definite budget cuts for necessary instructional materials. Our district is working toward a referenda to fund buildings needed, renovations to existing buildings and technology. | 1/9/2015 6:08 PM |
| 1055 | I believe the money being spent on vouchers so students can "escape" learning environments that are not productive could be much better spent raising the living standards, and educational environments in those areas. IN other words, fix the problems don't run from them by creating some parallel education system. | 1/9/2015 6:02 PM |
| 1056 | Unsure | 1/9/2015 5:58 PM |
| 1057 | Public money....Public schools period! | 1/9/2015 5:51 PM |
| 1058 | Public schools serve ALL children, regardless of ability or disability. Voucher schools do not. This is discrimination and against the core values that Wisconsinites have held dearly for generations. | 1/9/2015 5:50 PM |
| 1059 | Taxpayer funds should not go to private schools religious or otherwise.Religious doctrine education should not be allowed in public schools. | 1/9/2015 5:44 PM |
| 1060 | I would much prefer that my tax dollars go toward improving and supporting public schools. | 1/9/2015 5:43 PM |
| 1061 | Wisconsin schools are under attack as part of an anti-union/anti-public-services vendetta by right-wing politicians. Madison is resisting this radical agenda, for now. | 1/9/2015 5:36 PM |
| 1062 | Stop using taxpayer monies to fund private schools. End of subject! | 1/9/2015 5:34 PM |
| 1063 | This is, plain and simple, a bad idea. And one that frequently crosses the line of mixing church and state. | 1/9/2015 5:14 PM |
| 1064 | Taxpayers should not support private schools. Class sizes continue to grow in public schools. | 1/9/2015 4:59 PM |
| 1065 | I just heard that Amazon built a new warehouse facility in southeast Wisconsin, the tax breaks our state offered lured Amazon away from Illinois. Those tax breaks probably came at the expense of funding our public schools, and now more money is being channeled away to support largely right-leaning and religious educational facilities, weakening public schools to point of possible irrelevancy. I wonder how the conservatives would feel if the tables were turned and it was liberals that wanted to establish their own schools. They would be squawking! Many years ago in the 1980's I lobbied against vouchers in Springfield, IL. Our pleas fell on deaf ears, as our governmental representatives were Republicans, and we pretty much knew that our efforts were in vain. That didn't stop us from trying. Now thirty years later I find myself reliving the same issue. | 1/9/2015 4:56 PM |
| 1066 | Public schools are cutting too many programs which enrich a child's life, create lifelong interests and influence career and life choices. It is unfortunate for students and detrimental to their development to continue decreasing the quality of education available to public school students. Students receiving vouchers have access to a better quality of education. This is inherently discrimatory and absolutely wrong | 1/9/2015 4:55 PM |
| 1067 | There will be a $41 million referendum in my community this April. I am glad my kids are done with high school as there are fewer options than when I attended. | 1/9/2015 4:54 PM |
| 1068 | Small rural school districts need more support. This may best be delivered through the CESA's. Influence should be exerted to enable small districts to purchase online educational tools as a coop group. | 1/9/2015 4:52 PM |
| 1069 | A good public education, available to all, is important to our country. I have seen other countries where the only students who get a decent education are the wealthy whose children go to private schools. | 1/9/2015 4:51 PM |
| 1070 | Antigo-a rural district has struggled with budgets and reductions for many years. | 1/9/2015 4:50 PM |
| 1071 | Busing only | 1/9/2015 4:42 PM |
| 1072 | Some of this tax money comes from those families that use the vochers | 1/9/2015 4:40 PM |
| 1073 | Our district seems to be having a tough time keeping up with advances in technology because of a very tight budget. | 1/9/2015 4:38 PM |

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| 1074 | Taxpayer funding of private schools is seriously draining resources away from public education. And at a time when schools need the resources to comply with CORE and high accountability measures. | 1/9/2015 4:25 PM |
| 1075 | Funds should be available only for students of low performing school to attend a private school as an alternative. | 1/9/2015 4:18 PM |
| 1076 | Voucher schools are being used by GOP legislators to help destroy public education as we know it. | 1/9/2015 4:12 PM |
| 1077 | Private schools should be paid with private money from individual parents. Our tax money should be spent improving public schools and providing the best education we can for our children. At one time, Wisconsin had the best primary and secondary education in the country. Now our state government is diminishing that proud tradition by siphoning money off for the benefit of the private sector without accountability. It's simply a profit motivated venture with little regard for education. | 1/9/2015 4:10 PM |
| 1078 | The students and taxpayers in Tomah are being shortchanged as more and more of the funds needed to provide programs in Tomah have been diverted to voucher programs while revenue caps, declining enrollment and state voucher programs limit funds for our local public schools. Cuts in programming and staff continue. | 1/9/2015 4:07 PM |
| 1079 | Vouchers are ok if they play by the same rules as public..i am sympathetic to those wanting to get away from the common core and no child left behind..both huge hinderances to our childrens education. | 1/9/2015 4:06 PM |
| 1080 | This all began when we started busing private students to private schools! 1948, or so? | 1/9/2015 3:58 PM |
| 1081 | Voucher schools should be paid only after students have completed full year of instruction. They should not be able to get the money upfront, then keep it when the student returns to public school. This is a travesty and government waste and cronyism at its worst. | 1/9/2015 3:54 PM |
| 1082 | Taxpayer money is not for private use. It is for the public Plain and simple | 1/9/2015 3:50 PM |
| 1083 | It is my opinion that if tax dollars are used to support educational programs, then it is public education. it should follow all public education policies. If a school is private and does NOT receive any public funding then they can make their own policies. Public education is loosing art, music, physical education programs which are so important to students learning. Fees increase every year for kids when enrolling is school and supply lists for kids include janitorial supplies ie garbage bags, markers for teacher to use etc. Paying fees is expected but they should be for educational need for kids. | 1/9/2015 3:43 PM |
| 1084 | I have seen class size increasing! Programing is suffereing . In some cases, some city schools are becoming the school for all special needs students and other schools are becoming in school for bright students. | 1/9/2015 3:36 PM |
| 1085 | No idea how it affects the school in my district. | 1/9/2015 3:35 PM |
| 1086 | We have suffered greatly here in the North Woods. The small schools are ignored by the people running the state schools. The people wanting to send their children to private schools usually can afford the tuition. | 1/9/2015 3:31 PM |
| 1087 | Our public schools are rural and have even a harder time with decent funding. The voucher program is not fair to most of the students and families in WI. Education is the key to the future success of our children and our leaders, and we must find a way to better support public education in WI and in the USA | 1/9/2015 3:20 PM |
| 1088 | Tax payer money should only go to public schools | 1/9/2015 3:18 PM |
| 1089 | Wisconsin cannot afford to run 2 school systems. Let's keep public dollars in the public schools only. Those wanting anything other than public education for their children should not use my tax dollars to do so! | 1/9/2015 3:16 PM |
| 1090 | The WI Constitution requires the state government to pay for public education of its citizens. I believe that recent budget cuts to public education should be reversed. | 1/9/2015 3:05 PM |
| 1091 | Using taxpayer money to fund private schools is inappropriate. Our school district has reduced staffing to deal with budget cuts. | 1/9/2015 3:02 PM |
| 1092 | Spending tax dollars on private and religious schools is like a person that wants to below to a private golf course - they should pay for it not the public paying for their "private" school. | 1/9/2015 3:00 PM |
| 1093 | I support free PUBLIC education. Anything else should be paid for with private dollars if families choose different. | 1/9/2015 2:51 PM |
| 1094 | This is taking money away from the public system which means it can not provide as good an education. | 1/9/2015 2:41 PM |
| 1095 | Private schools should be self funded with no public school revenues, if they what to be private they should pay for it. Our children went to provate school and we payed. Public revenues should not be provided to private schools because public revenues for education from State shared revenues and local property taxes have not been enough to proved the quality of puiblic education. We are losing quality educators to our neighboring States and commiunities that recieve extra revenues from the current (20-year old formula). | 1/9/2015 2:38 PM |
| 1096 | Tax payer money should not go to private school | 1/9/2015 2:38 PM |
| 1097 | As a tax payer and a retired teacher I am outraged . This is a blow to public education. | 1/9/2015 2:37 PM |

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| 1098 | Yes, our districts have had to reduce programs and staff due to State Budget Cuts! | 1/9/2015 2:37 PM |
| 1099 | New to this area - no basis for judgement | 1/9/2015 2:35 PM |
| 1100 | I have seen reduced support for children with special needs Reduction in services for GT children Our district is currently going for referendum | 1/9/2015 2:32 PM |
| 1101 | According to our state constitution all schools using public funds must provide equal services. They should also be required to follow the same rules, testing requirements, and public disclosures as public schols. be basecely equalstatwith | 1/9/2015 2:31 PM |
| 1102 | Reduced staffing. Reduced art and music programming. | 1/9/2015 2:17 PM |
| 1103 | Cutting funding to public schools in order to fund voucher schools is a direct action reducing the goals set up for public education. Elected school boards are accountable to their electorate for matters concerning what is taught. Any removal of local control over educational goals defeats the goal set by our constitution for accountable education for all. | 1/9/2015 2:14 PM |
| 1104 | If parents choose to provide their children with a private education, they should be willing/able to pay for that private education out of their own pocket. Taxpayer money should go to public schools to help them improve their quality of education, not taken away from public schools and given to private schools. Parents should always have the choice of private vs. public schools for their children, however, taxpayers should not be left to finance private schools. | 1/9/2015 2:12 PM |
| 1105 | I am opposed to taxpayer money going to private schools. | 1/9/2015 2:09 PM |
| 1106 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools | 1/9/2015 2:04 PM |
| 1107 | Using taxpayer money for private schools goes against separation of church and state and constitutional rights of equality. This is a process developed by those who want taxpayers to help fund their religion. | 1/9/2015 2:00 PM |
| 1108 | Let us spend public money on public education. I think class sizes have increased. This will not help public education improve. | 1/9/2015 1:49 PM |
| 1109 | parents have a right to educate their children according to their beliefs and values | 1/9/2015 1:48 PM |
| 1110 | I see a loss of focus on public education to the detriment of our students. Programs are being cut, teachers are being devalued and problems that need attention are being put on the back burner. | 1/9/2015 1:48 PM |
| 1111 | Staffing and programs have been unacceptably curtailed after the budget cuts. We need strong public schools. Private schools should remain private, not funded with public money. | 1/9/2015 1:43 PM |
| 1112 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools, period. The State budget cuts to public schools have been devastating to our public school system. | 1/9/2015 1:42 PM |
| 1113 | We are going to be Mississippi soon! Why tamper with something that worked well. Evidently they don't want educated voters. | 1/9/2015 1:39 PM |
| 1114 | Taxpayer dollars should not be used for private schools. | 1/9/2015 1:29 PM |
| 1115 | There aren't words to say how bad it is. Our children are suffering at the hands of people who don't care about them at all, they only care about their $! | 1/9/2015 1:28 PM |
| 1116 | No taxpayer funding to private schools. | 1/9/2015 1:28 PM |
| 1117 | I strongly believe that taxpayer money should not be used to fun private schools. Equality in public education is critical to a democratic society! | 1/9/2015 1:27 PM |
| 1118 | If you're going to tax dollars, you should be required to be on an even playing field with the publics....all the same rules with MY tax dollars. | 1/9/2015 12:54 PM |
| 1119 | We need to put taxpayer dollars for education in public schools. Every child has the right to the best education available in Wisconsin. | 1/9/2015 12:47 PM |
| 1120 | Public school districts have suffered greatly due to budget cuts. The reduction of 3,000 staff members in the schools statewide is one of the indicators of how painful the cuts have been. I believe private schools should be paid for by those who send their children to them. | 1/9/2015 12:41 PM |
| 1121 | I feel that the less money we provide to our public education, the less the kids care. I have seen such LOW test scores, in reading comprehension until now. It's pretty sad. Also, kids are getting away with a lot more - using cell phones in class, swearing at teachers, skipping classes. I'm only 31 and that would have NEVER happened. It's completely disrespectful. | 1/9/2015 12:33 PM |

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| 1122 | Our school district is being funded at about the same level as in 2007. Our enrollment is greater and our expenses have increased. If a school isn't performing well, then FIX THE PROBLEM! Don't send kids to private or charter schools. | 1/9/2015 12:30 PM |
| 1123 | Abysmal/Abysmally | 1/9/2015 12:29 PM |
| 1124 | I have seen some very talented teachers either leave the field or begin to feel so marginalized and discredited that the environment to be a good teacher has become more difficult. | 1/9/2015 12:12 PM |
| 1125 | lack of maintenance and staff cuts | 1/9/2015 12:06 PM |
| 1126 | All eight of us attended 12 years of catholic schools. It was my parents choice and they both believed in the separation of church and state. I have no children and do not mind my property taxes going to public schools. Private and voucher schools are not things I want my tax dollars supporting especially without the same accountability requirements as public schools. | 1/9/2015 12:01 PM |
| 1127 | Public schools are struggling under weight of Wisconsin's budget cuts to education and I resent that my tax dollars go to private schools with NO accountability...further diluting funds available to public schools who ARE accountable. Schools in the Northwoods struggle already with property tax formulas, cut programs and through referendum ask the public to support new construction, repairs to buildings and programs this is patently unfair and criminal. I believe that our legislature is being unduly influenced by the religious right and I resent not having a say in any of this! Public education is being undermined ... | 1/9/2015 11:58 AM |
| 1128 | I do not feel this is a fair practice and it could be unconstitutional. Especially the part about using state funds for private religious schools. I do feel like there is a need for private and charter schools and I believe we need to do some things differently if we want to have quality public education. A little competition would not hurt anyone and it would help the schools reach their full potential. I think that if public money is going to help pay for them then they do need additional rules and regulations. | 1/9/2015 11:58 AM |
| 1129 | Taxpayer money should not go to fund private schools. Funding to private schools is crushing the public schools who provide education for all children. | 1/9/2015 11:57 AM |
| 1130 | Tax money should never be used to fund private schools.If a parent wishes to use a non-public school, the financial burden should be theirs alone. Tax money should be used to improve the Public Education system, not thwart it. | 1/9/2015 11:45 AM |
| 1131 | I support public education and our public schools; it is quite apparent that the budget for public education is being mined for other uses. This creates the very false impression that public schools no longer work. The budget cuts to public education are unfair, short-sighted, and are motivated by the interests (financial) of the few. | 1/9/2015 11:39 AM |
| 1132 | Over the past few years, about $200,000 were moved out of the regular operating budget into the community service budget which is outside the revenue limits AND place directly on the local property tax levy. The Major Maintenance Budget was also depleted requiring the school district to go to referendum to cover about $17 million of Major Maintenance needs. In terms of private schools, I can support a limited number of tax dollars going to non-profit religious schools, but nothing to cover the cost of religious instruction. I do not support any tax dollars going to for-profit schools. | 1/9/2015 11:35 AM |
| 1133 | Tax payer money should only be used for public schools that comply with state and federal guidelines for transparent administration and management and for performance tracking and accountability through standardized testing. Schools should not be allowed to discriminate against children due to religion, disability or race. | 1/9/2015 11:35 AM |
| 1134 | Taxpayer money should NOT be used to fund private schools. Our public schools have suffered enough. Help public schools NOW!!!!! | 1/9/2015 11:28 AM |
| 1135 | more and more is expected of the staff without compensation; programs are understaffed | 1/9/2015 11:25 AM |
| 1136 | Creating a two-tiered system, with different requirements for public vs private schools, is setting us up for inequality in education (and the many downstream effects of this). It is outrageous that there is no income cap to receive voucher assistance for private schools. If there is dissatisfaction with public schools, it is preferable for all families (including wealthy) to participate in their improvement, thus benefiting all children in WI. There is no need to abolish private schools but we certainly should not provide public funding for them. Save our public funding for public schools! | 1/9/2015 11:18 AM |
| 1137 | State rules that govern public schools have led to the deterioration of facilities and administration is not allowed to request add taxes for upgrades | 1/9/2015 11:11 AM |
| 1138 | It is damaging to the public education in our state and everywhere/ | 1/9/2015 11:04 AM |
| 1139 | Public education is the great equalizer in our American society. When you cease to value this mission, you ignore the important role public schools have played in America's past. Tax payer money must go to public education. Those who choose private education should be prepared to pay for it without tax payer aid. We cannot make our public schools as excellent as they must be if we must also support private education with taxes. | 1/9/2015 11:00 AM |

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| 1140 | I live in a rural district and our school funding has been reduced in the last 5 years. We passed a referendum but it is only a small part of what we lost. | 1/9/2015 10:59 AM |
| 1141 | Taxpayer $ should not be used to fund private schools. We live in northern WI and have seen our schools go through reduced funding to the detriment of the students. | 1/9/2015 10:58 AM |
| 1142 | Sucks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | 1/9/2015 10:47 AM |
| 1143 | I have children in both private & public school. I pay taxes & pay tuition. My tax dollars go to the public school regardless. As much as I like my child's public high school, I resent the fact that Tony Evers insinuated that all people who send their kids to private school are wealthy. We are a middle class family & my husband works 50 hours a week & I work 40 hours a week. It's not about being wealthy, it's called budgeting & giving up things like family vacations so my daughter can go to private school. She will however attend public highschool, just as my other children did before her. We like the Religious aspect of private school. I feel that if more parents taught religion to their kids, we would have less behavioral problems in the public schools. If we had prayer in public schools, I believe that we would have less problems as well. In Racine, we recently passed a referendum (15 years) so I do not think we will have a problem with budget cuts. I do not however, feel that someone should be given a voucher to attend a private school for free because they are low income. I feel that they should have to pay just like we do. We are not wealthy and yet we work long & hard to do this. If the state keeps giving hand-outs, we will all go broke. I think teaching our children that they have to work to achieve what they want is important. This eliminates the "entitlement" attitude. | 1/9/2015 10:43 AM |
| 1144 | no tax money for private schools | 1/9/2015 10:40 AM |
| 1145 | In my experience, charter school children are not as well prepared educationally as those in a public school setting. This has been reflected in poor testing scores and their ability to compete in collage entrance exams. | 1/9/2015 10:36 AM |
| 1146 | How can there be budget cuts for Public Education and then have tax dollars go to private schools? | 1/9/2015 10:28 AM |
| 1147 | Yes to all of the above. If education is public and is to be "free and appropriate" people who opt for religious or private school have the public option that they pay for so use that public option. | 1/9/2015 10:24 AM |
| 1148 | Improve and promote public schools. | 1/9/2015 10:22 AM |
| 1149 | We should stop paying taxes to the state if our money is being spent illegally such as running religious schools. | 1/9/2015 10:21 AM |
| 1150 | We recently pulled our daughters from our local public school for the following reasons: academics were TWO YEARS behind for all students, the school was filthy, children were abused and neglected, parents had weapons on the premises, child sex offenders were allowed in classrooms, etc. The school district was aware of and admitted to the issues, but chose to ignore the problems. We placed our daughters into a charter school and support 100% our children's right to attend a safe school that meets academic criteria. Our local public school failed us, so WHY should they continue to collect money??? | 1/9/2015 10:20 AM |
| 1151 | We need to stop all vouchers. Vouchers take away need funds from public schools. Public schools have had to increase class sizes, reduce the number of class offerings, teacher pay increases are little if any, teachers are leaving the profession in droves because they have become the scapegoat for all the ills of education. | 1/9/2015 10:18 AM |
| 1152 | Taxpayers should not have to pay for sending ANY child to a private school. Our public school taxes are high enough. Schools are losing enrollment resulting from private schools. | 1/9/2015 10:14 AM |
| 1153 | In order to maintain the already eviscerated staffing, due to the funding formula as a property rich but income poor school district, we stay viable by passing 3 year referendum. So we pay twice to maintain our schools districts. Thank you so much for doing all you are doing! | 1/9/2015 10:11 AM |
| 1154 | they are hurting our public school's ability to compete and are causing more problems then they are fixing. Stop taking tax payer assets and giving them to private parties who make large donations to elected officals. I've lost faith in our elected officials in the past year. | 1/9/2015 10:07 AM |
| 1155 | Absolutely no vouchers. If people wish to educate their children in private (religious) schools the cost should be paid solely by the parents. NO TAX DOLLARS! | 1/9/2015 10:03 AM |
| 1156 | Our schools have deteriorated since the advent of vouchers | 1/9/2015 10:02 AM |
| 1157 | A good education is each generations "gift" to the next and it should be the best education we can give. They will be helping us in our retirement years, short changing them hurts everyone. The charter schools inside our existing public schools is a total corruption the the great idea behind public schools. We have seen negative changes in our local schools. | 1/9/2015 9:59 AM |
| 1158 | I think we need to reinvest time, thought and money in our public school system. Research has not shown that the voucher program is serving its students any better than public schools and the voucher program certainly servers many fewer people. | 1/9/2015 9:56 AM |

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| 1159 | Public school funding reductions are impacting the quality of education for ALL children in Wisconsin. It is creating a Catch 22--less funding to help students achieve, then "blame" the public schools. Public schools serve children with many needs and need extra funding to address the needs of all children. | 1/9/2015 9:56 AM |
| 1160 | No taxpayer dollars should be spent on private schools. PERIOD!!!! | 1/9/2015 9:55 AM |
| 1161 | reduced staffing in creative areas - we are just focused on the reading, math, science - anything that is tested. That leaves out arts, foreign language, technical courses which are vital to our community | 1/9/2015 9:54 AM |
| 1162 | If taxes are used to support other than public schools than all requirements should be equal | 1/9/2015 9:53 AM |
| 1163 | Our local schools are looking to go to referendum for additional funding. They have had to cut staff and increase class sizes. | 1/9/2015 9:50 AM |
| 1164 | No public funds should be able to be used for private education of any kind. | 1/9/2015 9:48 AM |
| 1165 | We must stop the privatization of our schools! This should not be a for profit enterprise and lacks accountability for the tax dollars that they are receiving. Tax dollars need to support public education only!! | 1/9/2015 9:41 AM |
| 1166 | All public schools in my area are constantly challenged by cuts to public education funding. I am opposed to vouchers. | 1/9/2015 9:36 AM |
| 1167 | I'm opposed to using taxpayer money to fund private schools. Vouchers favor an unequal system of education that is unconstitutional in Wisconsin. | 1/9/2015 9:36 AM |
| 1168 | Struggling to provides even adequate education. Referendums are the only source to keep schools going. We also need a new school formula to include poverty and transportation. | 1/9/2015 9:24 AM |
| 1169 | Funding for public schools is limited as it us with even less allocated for future growth and development. This placed undue burden on the system to provide an educated work force. This is very short sighted and will reduce potential earnings of these future employees. Thus, reducing future taxable incomes. Seems to me that this defeats the purpose. When voucher systems are in place, this spreads the already limited funds to a breaking point, and none of our children will benefit from any education, eexcept the top earning rich that can afford to pay for that education. That flies in the face of our state consitition. This is wrong and must end. Now. | 1/9/2015 9:23 AM |
| 1170 | Public funding should not be cut, to benefit/fund private schools. | 1/9/2015 9:18 AM |
| 1171 | Taxpayer money for funding private schools is draining the already limited resources for funding public schools. | 1/9/2015 9:16 AM |
| 1172 | I do not want my tax dollars supporting private religious education. Our local public schools have had to reduce/eliminate valued programs to comply with state revenue caps & reduced state funding. | 1/9/2015 9:13 AM |
| 1173 | Too many students per teacher | 1/9/2015 9:12 AM |
| 1174 | The program seems to be directed to major areas and has created un-equal opportunites for education within the state. The more rural areas are underfunded and at a disadvantage. | 1/9/2015 9:10 AM |
| 1175 | NO taxpayer funding for private schools ! | 1/9/2015 9:08 AM |
| 1176 | Public school class sizes have drastically increased in the past ten years. | 1/9/2015 9:08 AM |
| 1177 | Taxpayer money SHOULD NOT be used to fund private schools. Public school districts are losing ground daily by this horrible change in education....no thanks to Governor Walker and those he has influenced. If this continues, public education will go down the drain, along with dedicated educators who are trying their best in very toxic, stressful situations. | 1/9/2015 9:04 AM |
| 1178 | As long as voucher schools use tax $, they need to be accountable. If they are 100% private funding, then accountability is different | 1/9/2015 9:02 AM |
| 1179 | Simply put, this system is a giveaway to private business on the backs of Wisconsin's children. These schools are typically inferior, without licensed teachers. It is a sham. | 1/9/2015 8:59 AM |
| 1180 | I think public schools are the core of our democracy. We should be providing more public support, rather than less, to assure that every child has access to a good public school education. | 1/9/2015 8:58 AM |
| 1181 | I am concerned with the lack of accountability that voucher schools have compared to public schools. I am concerned about fair treatment of disabled students in voucher programs. Any school that is funded by tax dollars should operate within open records laws. | 1/9/2015 8:57 AM |
| 1182 | Staff and programs have been cut. Difficult to maintain quality programs and staff morale. | 1/9/2015 8:56 AM |
| 1183 | Tax money should not go to any private education program | 1/9/2015 8:47 AM |
| 1184 | The public school system has been hurt by budget cuts and good teachers where forced to retire early causing larger class sizes and fewer experienced staff. If parents want to send their children to a private school it is their decision and should be their financial responsibility. | 1/9/2015 8:46 AM |

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| 1185 | I basically do NOT want my tax dollars to go to voucher schools and taken away from public schools. | 1/9/2015 8:46 AM |
| 1186 | Our school has seen reduced staffing. I know that our school is planning on cutting "non-core" teachers next year and our Superintendent has even announced his retirement because he "would rather retire than deal with the financial mess that Madison has created, with no new monies coming in." | 1/9/2015 8:46 AM |
| 1187 | Stop all vouchers and make those currently running, subject to oversight and federal and state standards. | 1/9/2015 8:41 AM |
| 1188 | There are many good teachers looking for jobs. Why can't all schools have the same requirements for pay and benefits. These people want to teach. | 1/9/2015 8:31 AM |
| 1189 | A good, well-funded public school system is essential to democracy and a decent standard of living. Taxpayer dollars should be restricted to public schools that are accountable to the public. People who want to send their kids to private schools need to find other ways to pay for it. Maybe the anti public school oligarchs would be willing to fund private schools themselves? | 1/9/2015 8:23 AM |
| 1190 | If Voucher Schools are going to use the same taxpayer funds as public schools then they should have the same accountability as public schools. I don't want private schools profiting from my taxes. | 1/9/2015 8:20 AM |
| 1191 | Wisconsin schools were at the top of the list for quality and test results. Why would we want to mess with this just for the sake of pleasing an out-of-state ALEC agenda? Most importantly, voucher schools were instituted for a particular purpose in the Milwaukee area. The data shows that they have NOT fulfilled this purpose. Consequently, why would we even consider expanding this failed experiment? Obviously, it's because the purpose of voucher schools is no longer about trying to improve the success of our children's' education. | 1/9/2015 8:15 AM |
| 1192 | Confusion and funding insecurity are creating problems. Let's stabilize this educational system so more progress can be made. | 1/9/2015 8:15 AM |
| 1193 | Many districts are cutting staff, curriculum AP courses, arts, music and many more important activities. The class offerings are down to basics and some schools are facing closure. It is imperative to restore funding and place a higher priority on education. | 1/9/2015 8:12 AM |
| 1194 | reduced staff, larger classes, regular referenda | 1/9/2015 7:58 AM |
| 1195 | It should be run just like Open Enrollment. Partial funding is lost when you lose a child to a private school. My district has been under referendum for several years for operating expenses already. Local property tax payers pay over 93% of the school budget already. | 1/9/2015 7:56 AM |
| 1196 | With our budget issues in WI, why would we want to increase spending on education to privately owned, unaccountable institutions. It is illogical. Teachers are crabby now and I don't blame them. Everyone is feeling the pinch of less money in their bank accounts. | 1/9/2015 7:48 AM |
| 1197 | It is simply outrageous that Wisconsin allows this. There should be clear seapartion between church and state, and my tax dollars should NOT BE SPENT to support religious education. It is unconstitutional..How did we get this far without someone raising the red flag? Corporate interests want public education defeated..must be stopped. | 1/9/2015 7:47 AM |
| 1198 | I am not in contact with local finance officials. If there is money left over, it should go to reduce the shortfall of WI. I am a Christian. However, in today's world where there is a need for recognition of every faith, I am very angry that public money goes to teach children "the love of Jesus" as was stated by a little girl in J.F.C. hearings at Green Bay for the last budget. | 1/9/2015 7:40 AM |
| 1199 | No tax payer monies to private education. | 1/9/2015 7:40 AM |
| 1200 | Madison public school is devolving, as are most public schools throughout Wisconsin. Soon classroom educators will be fleeing, and so will students whose families are the highest tax-payers. Bureaucratic administrators and managers within school systems have continued to explode and "real" educational resources for students diminishing, continuously diminishing. -- The "testing" craze is bogus, designed to line the pockets of a few (much like pharmaceutical companies in field of medicine). Test data is misused (-not benefiting the neediest of students) and the concept of "testing" misused as a political tool (and not "educational"). The cost of excessive testing comes at a great cost to "real" education and "real" educational resources. -- I am very disturbed to know that there are tax deductions for families who do not support public schools. | 1/9/2015 7:39 AM |
| 1201 | I am appalled at the arrogance of our lawmakers. In survey after survey, people of this state have not supported voucher school expansion, yet that expansion continues to happen. | 1/9/2015 7:22 AM |
| 1202 | The Republican controlled legislature has screwed up Wisconsin's excellent education system. I cannot believe what is happening in this state! Disgusted with this state's leaders!!! | 1/9/2015 6:49 AM |
| 1203 | The burden on taxpayers in the state of Wisconsin is already among the highest in the country. I strenuously object to the hard-earned dollars of honest workers being used to fund this boondoggle, at the expense of public school students, families, and staff. The lack of accountability, rules, and demonstrated value of the voucher schools make this direction all the more outrageous. | 1/9/2015 6:29 AM |

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| 1204 | Against all vouchers. Public money should support public schools. People who want private schools should pay with their own money. Yes, our district has cut staff and deferred maintenance. | 1/9/2015 6:28 AM |
| 1205 | Year after year I have witnessed reduced staffing/programming and the public schools are not coping well with these cuts. | 1/9/2015 6:27 AM |
| 1206 | When voucher students return to public schools after suspension or expulsion or dismissal due to disability related issues, the remainder of the prorated funding should be returned to the public school. | 1/9/2015 6:01 AM |
| 1207 | Hours for some staff have been reduced; especially our support staff. We have lost a building position. | 1/9/2015 4:51 AM |
| 1208 | The future of our State is directly tied to a strong public school system that puts all resources into the public school sys tem. | 1/9/2015 4:31 AM |
| 1209 | Taxpayer money should NOT be used to fund PRIVATE schools. Private schools are private and need to stay privately funded. LOOK at New Orleans, public schools and public school education have been all but ruined by the White Privileged bent toward private schools. | 1/9/2015 3:37 AM |
| 1210 | None at this time | 1/9/2015 2:55 AM |
| 1211 | I am seeing the voucher school rejects dumped into public schools after the voucher schools collect the money for them. Voucher schools either need to keep these kids or forfeit the money. | 1/9/2015 2:01 AM |
| 1212 | I'm seeing resources for our public school students deteriorating and straining teacher morale. | 1/9/2015 1:55 AM |
| 1213 | Bullshit, public education is a key ingredient to a democracy, if we don't turn this tide of voucher/charter schools are democracy is doomed. | 1/9/2015 12:55 AM |
| 1214 | Our public school students and teachers are suffering dearly with money taken from them for private schools. | 1/9/2015 12:46 AM |
| 1215 | Should not use taxpayer money to fund private schools | 1/9/2015 12:28 AM |
| 1216 | I am Not OK with my tax dollars being spent for in part religious instruction and/or bad science. The theory of evolution is accepted as the best model that explains the diversity of life as we see it today. Soon my children will be old enough for school, I have not had much dealing with the school district to know if cuts have hurt the school. I am of the view that if we have a school that is not preforming well we need to fix the school not ship kids away from the problem. If you wish to send your child to a private school do so on your own dime. | 1/9/2015 12:05 AM |
| 1217 | Tax payer dollars should not be used to fund any part of private schools. The state can not sustain two separate education systems. State funds must be used for public ed. | 1/8/2015 11:49 PM |
| 1218 | Use of taxpayer money to support any educational program that is not related to the public school system is very bad policy and violates the spirit of the constitution. | 1/8/2015 11:07 PM |
| 1219 | It's bullshit, man. | 1/8/2015 11:00 PM |
| 1220 | no public dollars for private schools | 1/8/2015 10:47 PM |
| 1221 | We cannot afford two separate school systems. We should not find any religious school with tax dollars. | 1/8/2015 10:34 PM |
| 1222 | I think what is happening to public schools is awful! | 1/8/2015 10:30 PM |
| 1223 | Wisconsin cannot afford to finance both public and voucher schools! We need to eliminate the voucher system! | 1/8/2015 10:19 PM |
| 1224 | Budgets getting worse each year. | 1/8/2015 10:17 PM |
| 1225 | Taxpayer money funding private schools is really hurting public education! Our public schools are reducing staffing, cutting programming and increasing class sizes. 40+'students in even one class is terrible. Many classes are that size now! | 1/8/2015 10:11 PM |
| 1226 | I am against every using my hard earned money to fund private schools!!!! I have seen the reductions in my district caused by this. | 1/8/2015 10:08 PM |
| 1227 | Our district staff is really struggling to keep up with all the new requirements of the state, while still meeting the immediate needs of our students. The limited budget has not allowed the district to hire additional people to handle new responsibilities. Our highly qualified and effective reading specialist just quit because the continually increasing demands without additional help were starting to take a toll on her health. She was the most effective and knowledgable reading specialist I've dealt with in my 16 years of experience with this district. So sad. | 1/8/2015 10:07 PM |
| 1228 | Voucher program should be ended. Wisconsin can not fund a public school system let alone a private school system. | 1/8/2015 10:04 PM |
| 1229 | Our district will be having a referendum vote in April. If it does not pass, the district will begin the dissolution process. | 1/8/2015 9:53 PM |
| 1230 | This is a sin. Our old superintendent was outraged when the public school was asked to bus about 15 catholic school students 14 miles. He is rolling in his grave right now. | 1/8/2015 9:52 PM |

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| 1231 | Property taxes should not be used to fund religious schools. If vouchers are used, all schools should have same testing and requirements. | 1/8/2015 9:48 PM |
| 1232 | reduced staff.referendum | 1/8/2015 9:47 PM |
| 1233 | I hear from teachers and administrators how much more they have to adjust and/or cut every year. It only seems to get worse. Since we live in one of the larger, higher population districts, I am aware we are not as bad as more rural districts, so they must really be hurting. I am especially concerned about the need to cut back on music, art and other enrichments to learning at all levels, either by elimination or reducing staff to difficult workloads. | 1/8/2015 9:43 PM |
| 1234 | Accountability standards for schools are currently too low...and acceptable results equate to a "D" or "C" this is not acceptable | 1/8/2015 9:43 PM |
| 1235 | Funds should be expanded to retain and attract great Teachers - not fund private schools. Our Wisconsin schools are the envy of the nation - or at least they were until recently. | 1/8/2015 9:41 PM |
| 1236 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund or support private/parochial schools. All children should have access to a free public education in our state and country. Private/parochial schools are choices, and should never be subsidized with taxpayer monies. In my community class sizes have increased, programs and curriculum offerings have been reduced or eliminated, professional staff have been laid off as well as support staff too. Our food service program as well as our substitute teacher system has been outsourced. | 1/8/2015 9:37 PM |
| 1237 | Vouchers have failed and should be ended completely. | 1/8/2015 9:37 PM |
| 1238 | Public schools are the heart of our communities and it is our obligation to make sure th y have the resources necessary to give every child a world-class education. | 1/8/2015 9:36 PM |
| 1239 | Our public school district has made so many budget cuts that it is severely impacting children and the district has been forced to hold referendums. Taxpayer money should be used for public schools not private schools. | 1/8/2015 9:36 PM |
| 1240 | Reduced staffing, referenda | 1/8/2015 9:34 PM |
| 1241 | More experienced teachers are leaving public schools. Fewer university students are choosing education for a career path. | 1/8/2015 9:33 PM |
| 1242 | How is taxpayer money going to religious education constitutional? | 1/8/2015 9:32 PM |
| 1243 | I am opposed to any vouchers. Wisconsin has open enrollment, so parents already have plenty of choices of public schools. If a family wants to send their child to private school, they should pay for it themselves. | 1/8/2015 9:31 PM |
| 1244 | The loss of money to public schools has been devastating. Programs, opportunities, and good teachers have been lost to our students. All of the negativity has discouraged bright young people from choosing to go into teaching. This is a loss for all in the long run. | 1/8/2015 9:24 PM |
| 1245 | Reduced funding for programs, reduced staff, | 1/8/2015 9:24 PM |
| 1246 | These schools are PRIVATE so the students attending should be willing to pay the cost I went to Catholic school for all 12 years and my parents paid for all 12 and they were middle class hard working people | 1/8/2015 9:21 PM |
| 1247 | I believe that public tax dollars should be directed solely toward the needs of students, teachers, administration and facilities of the public schools. | 1/8/2015 9:12 PM |
| 1248 | It's essential for our country and for democracy to make sure that high quality public schools are available to every child. | 1/8/2015 9:07 PM |
| 1249 | If any school receives public funds they should have to meet the same requirements, standards, and assessment criteria as public schools. As a Christian I do not feel public money should fund religious schools. Public money should support a balanced curriculum. | 1/8/2015 9:06 PM |
| 1250 | No public school money should be directed to private schools. | 1/8/2015 9:06 PM |

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| 1251 | What has happened to public education in the state of Wisconsin is extremely disturbing. Wisconsin has been a very top state in education. I see all of these things breaking that down. To say that education here has been so bad is so incorrect. I was proud to say that Wisconsin is where our family was educated. How can public education be improved by taking money away from it and giving money to fund private schools? As far as taxpayers funding religious education, there is something about separation of church and state. All of our children should be provided the opportunity to have a quality education. This is the essence of our country. If some choose to educate their children through alternate means, that is their choice, however, not the taxpayers' responsibility to fund. If private schools become the norm, public schools will struggle as the funding will not be there. It will go to private schools. Who will be the ones to benefit? The people that can afford it. Those that can't afford it will attend the struggling, under-funded public schools. One of the fundamental rights of the people of our country is a free, quality education. I feel promising future educators are turning to other careers. Increasing responsibilities outside of the classroom are creating less time for responsibilities in the classroom. In some places the supportive, cooperative atmosphere has turned more competitive. The school atmosphere is changing. Thank you for listening, as the change in education is, personally, very upsetting. | 1/8/2015 8:59 PM |
| 1252 | Taxpayer funds should go towards public schools. Private institutions are private and should not be using public funds. | 1/8/2015 8:58 PM |
| 1253 | If a school wants the freedoms and label of being private then it needs to do so on its own accord without tax payer assistants. My district has cut several electives and repurposed staff to fill gaps. Our community recently passed a referendum which will help "stop the bleeding." I fear this will only create an unhealthy competition among local municipalities while destroying the overall sense of community in Wisconsin. | 1/8/2015 8:56 PM |
| 1254 | I don't think taxpayer money should be used for private schools. | 1/8/2015 8:56 PM |
| 1255 | There doesn't seem to be enough funding to provide materials or programs to give to all the schools in our district. | 1/8/2015 8:50 PM |
| 1256 | More districts are forced to go to referedum process. We need to reform school finance system. No to voucher sysyem, stop movement to privatization. No to the new committee to oversee, revise report cards.....and Districts, teachers, & DPI need to be credited for all of our recent academic progress. NOT WALKER. He opposed so much (CCSS) THEN TAKES CREDIT FOR OUR PROGRESS! | 1/8/2015 8:46 PM |
| 1257 | Money is being unnecessarily diverted causing important classes and activities to be cut from schools. Children need more than just the basic education to be well rounded adults upon graduating from high school | 1/8/2015 8:46 PM |
| 1258 | I am appalled that our state legislature wants to expand a program that has not been shown to be a wise expenditure of my hard-earned tax dollars. Surely, any voucher school students should be required to take the same assessment tests as the public school students; otherwise, we are comparing apples and oranges. | 1/8/2015 8:45 PM |
| 1259 | Both class choices and extra activities are being eliminated because funds aren't available. Class sizes are larger, preventing teachers from giving individual assistance to studentsl | 1/8/2015 8:43 PM |
| 1260 | The cuts have been devastating in the public schools - schools are consistently short staffed, resulting in students with high needs not getting the support they need to be successful. | 1/8/2015 8:41 PM |
| 1261 | We don't have enough money to fund our own public schools, let alone private schools!! | 1/8/2015 8:32 PM |
| 1262 | Reduced staffing, classroom teachers needing to do interventions with students, rather than reading specialists, or the like. Less prep time and more student contact time each day. Many, many more mandated meetings and changes to curriclulum. | 1/8/2015 8:30 PM |
| 1263 | What has happened to education in the state of Wisconsin is extremely disturbing. Wisconsin has been a very top state in education. I see all of these things breaking that down. To say that education here has been so bad is so incorrect. I was proud to say that Wisconsin is where our family was educated and where I taught. How can public education be improved by taking money away from it and giving money to private schools? As far as taxpayers funding religious education: there is something about separation of church and state. All of our children should be provided the opportunity to have a quality education. This is the essence of our country. If some choose to educate their children through other means, that is their choice, however, not the people's responsibility to fund. If private schools become the norm, public schools will struggle as the funding will not be there. It will go to private schools. Who will be the ones to benefit? The people that can afford it. Those that can't afford it will attend the struggling, under-funded public schools. One of the fundamental rights of the people of our country is a free education. I feel public educators have changed from sharing with peers to competing with them. Out of classroom responsibilities seem to be increasing, causing less time for in classroom responsibilities. | 1/8/2015 8:27 PM |
| 1264 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools. | 1/8/2015 8:23 PM |
| 1265 | Our state constitution is pretty clear about using public money to fund religious education...and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Strong public schools are key to a strong future. | 1/8/2015 8:22 PM |
| 1266 | As best as they can. | 1/8/2015 8:18 PM |
| 1267 | I strongly oppose the voucher system. My tax dollars should not support private education. | 1/8/2015 8:10 PM |

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| 1268 | Burdensome high stakes testing is causing much more time away from the curriculum, and lowering both academic output and professional standards. | 1/8/2015 8:09 PM |
| 1269 | Taxpayer money should be used to improve our public education system and failing schools. | 1/8/2015 8:09 PM |
| 1270 | Variety of course offerings greatly reduced, especially in tech ed area and foreign language areas. School is experiencing difficulty in finding and keeping good teachers as pay/benefits have decreased as the school district deals with state budget cuts. | 1/8/2015 8:09 PM |
| 1271 | Public schools are being starved sothey will perform poorly and can be privatized. This is a crime against our children and needs to stop. Taking tax payer money for private education is wrong. | 1/8/2015 7:57 PM |
| 1272 | My school is cutting staff and expecting more | 1/8/2015 7:57 PM |
| 1273 | It has been increasingly challenging for educators and staff. | 1/8/2015 7:49 PM |
| 1274 | I am opposed to taxpayer money being used to fund private schools. It is outrageous for the state to being supporting both private and public schools. If parents want to send their children to private schools, they should pay for it. | 1/8/2015 7:48 PM |
| 1275 | Simple, don't use public money to fund private schools! | 1/8/2015 7:44 PM |
| 1276 | Budget cuts have drastically affected our school district: reduction of staff, programs for students & overall decrease in education for our kids. | 1/8/2015 7:44 PM |
| 1277 | Vouchers drain an already depleted educational system and move us farther away from the free and equal education for the masses that our founding fathers intended. | 1/8/2015 7:44 PM |
| 1278 | Vouchers are one more strategy to decimate public education. I am vehemently opposed to the expansion of the voucher system and I would like to see the state of Wisconsin eliminate vouchers entirely. | 1/8/2015 7:42 PM |
| 1279 | I do not support taxpayer funds going to private schools. Parents make those choices and should fund them with their own money. | 1/8/2015 7:40 PM |
| 1280 | It is wrong. WI was once the state other states looked to for education. | 1/8/2015 7:36 PM |
| 1281 | My school district has had its funding cut after Act 10. This has had a very negative effect on both the students and the staff. | 1/8/2015 7:27 PM |
| 1282 | These bills are trying to kill public ed. And destroy good teachers. | 1/8/2015 7:24 PM |
| 1283 | Public schools can not survive with the voucher system and our general public is suffering tremendously because of it | 1/8/2015 7:09 PM |
| 1284 | My students have so few resources and yet we are giving public school monies to private companies. Public money designated to educate the children in the community should not be given to private companies. | 1/8/2015 7:07 PM |
| 1285 | Tax payer money should not go to subsidizing education for students from families that can meet the financial demands of the institution, and it should not go towards encouraging an under-regulated system that can bypass mandated standards that taxpayer children have to adhere to and compete within. Privilege should not be bought in early education. | 1/8/2015 7:06 PM |
| 1286 | I feel private school should remain just that and should be privately funded. | 1/8/2015 7:00 PM |
| 1287 | Bad, we have gone down a dangerous road without setting proper guidelines | 1/8/2015 6:57 PM |
| 1288 | Voucher schools are taking much needed money away from public school students. Public school students deserve programs that are fully funded and staffed. Smaller class sizes could be created to help meet the individual needs of students. Technology could be purchased so that there is an equitable ability to provide equipment necessary for testing and educational needs. | 1/8/2015 6:53 PM |
| 1289 | Public schools are struggling state wide due to more restrictions and requirements with a smaller budget & staff. | 1/8/2015 6:52 PM |
| 1290 | Against my tax dollars going to schools who are not accountable for pretty much anything. | 1/8/2015 6:52 PM |
| 1291 | Larger class sizes, tighter budgets | 1/8/2015 6:51 PM |
| 1292 | I believe that taxpayer money should support public education. The funding formula for public education needs an overhaul. Too many districts are putting off maintenance to pay for materials and staffing. The percentage of students receiving vouchers already attending private school is ridiculously high. That is not what the voucher system was intended to do. Nor was the voucher system set up to have private schools increase their tuition to match the amount of the voucher. | 1/8/2015 6:49 PM |
| 1293 | I am opposed to the use of public tax dollars for "private" institutions, especially when the "private" institutions are not held to the same standards as public institutions. Vouchers should be eliminated. | 1/8/2015 6:49 PM |
| 1294 | I do not want my taxes to fund private schools especially religious ones! | 1/8/2015 6:49 PM |

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| 1295 | The public schools are struggling to say the least. The budget cuts have cost students access to materials, more individualized instruction and the ability for teachers to compete on a level playing field. | 1/8/2015 6:48 PM |
| 1296 | public schools are up against this private school funding and Wisconsin taxpayers cannot afford the voucher schools expenses. period. | 1/8/2015 6:46 PM |
| 1297 | It is a constant struggle and Public Schools have rules that Private Schools can "skate" over.It should also be noted that our teachers are always being looked more carefully. | 1/8/2015 6:45 PM |
| 1298 | Our School District has had to make mandated cuts to staff and budgets - we have also had successful referendums to have taxpayers increase their taxes to support the needs of educational equipment, facilities and building needs | 1/8/2015 6:42 PM |
| 1299 | My tax dollars should go to support not-for-profit public schools only. Those wishing to have their children attend private (for profit or non-profit) should pay for their children, with a small tax break allowed because their children attend a private school. This should only be a slight break since "we the people" are responsible for not only the education of our own children but for all the children in our state/district. I pay school taxes even though my child is now an adult and that is how it should be. We need an educated citizens! Additionally public schools located in high poverty areas and/or rural settings (low population/taxed base), should be supported statewide providing our entire state's children an equal opportunity for quality learning. | 1/8/2015 6:37 PM |
| 1300 | We are doing okay but only because we passed a referendum. Our property taxes will be going up. | 1/8/2015 6:33 PM |
| 1301 | Public money/taxes should only fund public schools - period. If a current voucher reciving school expels or exits a student there on voucher any time during the school year the entire amout of the voucher should be refunded to the WI public school system. Public schools are struggling and every available tax dollar should be used to support our children's free and appropriate public education! | 1/8/2015 6:29 PM |
| 1302 | I am totally in favor of using public money for private education. Each year the Catholic Church alone saves the various states in the United States tens of billions of dollars through the k-12 educations they provide. If it was for religious based schools there would be no educational system in the United States or the world today. | 1/8/2015 6:23 PM |
| 1303 | Totally against it! | 1/8/2015 6:23 PM |
| 1304 | The legislature wants to focus on "educator effectiveness" while taking away precious resources. Fewer teachers equals larger classes. Fewer classroom assistants equals special ed students without the support they need. Not enough mental health staff equals students whose mental illnesses preclude academic success. It's not educators who are not effective; it's legislators who put profit for their donors over the education of Wisconsin's children. | 1/8/2015 6:21 PM |
| 1305 | As a volunteer and a retired Special Education Assistant, I have noticed reduced support for those Special Education students who may need only academic support. | 1/8/2015 6:17 PM |
| 1306 | The more private scHools the less I put the average citizen has in the education of their children. I feel that private schools will lead to a narrow curiculum rather than a broad well rounded education. It. Is critical that young people learn to think on their own. | 1/8/2015 6:16 PM |
| 1307 | I have no children in school. I believe my school district has cut staffing and programing. There have been referenda to fund my district and surrounding districts. The referenda have mostly passed telling me that my neighbors are willing to support our public schools. Our teachers spend after school time talking to and dealing with their students, or at least the couple I know do this. I believe that our teachers also sometimes supply students with materials for their education. | 1/8/2015 6:10 PM |
| 1308 | If a family wishes to have their children attend a private school they should be required to pay for the tuition themselves. That is what private means! (church vs state) | 1/8/2015 6:05 PM |
| 1309 | There should be a separation of church and state in education. All schools should be held to the same standards. | 1/8/2015 6:05 PM |
| 1310 | I am a parent of children in Milwaukee. We have been experiencing cuts in programming and increased class sizes for some time due to the diversion of money to voucher schools. My child in middle school is in multiple classes with over 40 children. My children's elementary schools have gone years with not art, music or physical education classes. | 1/8/2015 6:05 PM |
| 1311 | The first obligation is to create a viable public school system, second to none. NO monies generated by taxes should ever support religious instruction. Religious organizations should not be tax exempt either. | 1/8/2015 6:02 PM |
| 1312 | My district has been pared back for the last four years.behavior incidents have increased, the reporting of these incidents have decreased ( good data). Programs, teacher positions and classes have been disappearing. None of this has improved learning conditions or helped our kids achieve. | 1/8/2015 5:53 PM |
| 1313 | Our public schools have been crippled by the decrease in state funding to our schools and the increasing inequity in school funding. I am a community member, parent, and 2nd grade teacher in a diverse, urban community. | 1/8/2015 5:52 PM |
| 1314 | I don't agree with taxpayer money being used to fund private schools. We are starting to see reductions. | 1/8/2015 5:51 PM |

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| 1315 | It is simply not fair/right for our tax dollars to go toward private schools, especially those that are religious based. Separation of church and state. I work in a public school and we are suffering; there is a shortage of resources across the board due to budget cuts and $$ going toward voucher schools. Low income kids and special ed kids lose out the most, only widening the "opportunity gap" (what most call the "achievement gap"). | 1/8/2015 5:49 PM |
| 1316 | If any school receives taxpayer money, that school needs to abide by the universally applies rules and standards. | 1/8/2015 5:48 PM |
| 1317 | I teach in the Parkview school district and these cuts have crippled our district. I am sure we are suffering the same as most districts across the state. Each year our school board tries to come up with new ideas to reduce our current deficit without cutting staff, but this is proving to be harder and harder. | 1/8/2015 5:42 PM |
| 1318 | We need not fund schools by stealing from funds to public schools. You are letting public schools detereate!!! | 1/8/2015 5:42 PM |
| 1319 | the state is neglecting its obligation to fund public schools. | 1/8/2015 5:42 PM |
| 1320 | Time to eliminate the voucher program public school students are suffering because of this program. | 1/8/2015 5:40 PM |
| 1321 | Improve public schools for all | 1/8/2015 5:29 PM |
| 1322 | This is the death of public education. | 1/8/2015 5:23 PM |
| 1323 | The continuing peril faced by public schools in Wisconsin makes it difficult to recruit and keep good staff, and continues to undercut public education. The voucher system is one part of this, but only one part of the eroding of our school systems. This is a political decision making it a near certainty that public schools will fail and need to be "rescued" by the private sector. | 1/8/2015 5:23 PM |
| 1324 | I don't believe any taxpayer money should be used for private schools whatsoever. | 1/8/2015 5:18 PM |
| 1325 | Let private schools fundraise to gain scholarship money, not take it from the public. OR if a private voucher school takes a student, that school MUST keep the student and do whatever a public school would do -IEP, special services, that public schools must do. | 1/8/2015 5:16 PM |
| 1326 | I believe in one public school system funded by taxpayer money that educates ALL students. As a retired public school teacher, I saw students wooed away from their public school only to be returned to the public system after the voucher school found those students unacceptable. However, the $ did not return, creating greater burden to the public school, plus creating disruption in the education and lives of that student and family. | 1/8/2015 5:13 PM |
| 1327 | If a school is public, it is entitled to the public's money paid into the state for that purpose. But I truly believe that any school, church, organization, etc., set up for its own purposes should be supported solely by its members. | 1/8/2015 5:12 PM |
| 1328 | Public schools are reducing course offerings and staff to cope with budget cuts. This leads to students choosing to leave for schools that can offer what they want. The legislature is in the process of killing off smaller districts. Students in who attend online schools are not as successful as they could be in public schools with supports because parents aren't there to make them login and do the work. I'm glad I was able to get out of the field when I did because I fear for the future of our youth. | 1/8/2015 5:11 PM |
| 1329 | My public school district has been severely, adversely, affected. We have had cuts after cuts after cuts. What was once a very proud and effective system has now been hampered by the policies at the state level. It is sad and a shame. | 1/8/2015 5:10 PM |
| 1330 | Larger classes, poor facilities, no access for students with wheelchairs. | 1/8/2015 5:07 PM |
| 1331 | Reduced staffing and programming, too many mandated tests that interfere with daily instruction | 1/8/2015 4:56 PM |
| 1332 | No vouchers. More money for working families - raise the minimum wage, real health care for all and good mass transit. | 1/8/2015 4:53 PM |
| 1333 | We have seen reductions in programs and a need for operating referendums | 1/8/2015 4:47 PM |
| 1334 | I believe sending your child to a private school is a personal decision and therefore should be paid for by the parents of the child. Our district has cut staffing, though most has been done through attrition. | 1/8/2015 4:46 PM |
| 1335 | i pay taxes for public school so my kids could could go there if people want to send their kids to private schools they should use their own money to do so. | 1/8/2015 4:40 PM |
| 1336 | I have graduated from a public school within the last five years, and I am sorry to say that after my first year of college, almost none of the high school teachers I had still work for the same district. The school district that I attended has suffered tremendously from budget cuts, leading to a loss of jobs for teachers and a cut to their salaries and benefits. The students are suffering from this as well, as class sizes have increased due to lack of staff. There is also less support staff, leading to a decreased amount of support for students with special needs, decreased access to computer labs and libraries, and decreased support for students wishing to attend college upon graduation. I am greatly displeased by these outcomes, and hold this issue to the highest standard that determines which political candidates will receive my votes. | 1/8/2015 4:39 PM |

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| 1337 | Inhumane treatment of staff and students. | 1/8/2015 4:37 PM |
| 1338 | I resent my tax dollars for public education enriching private interests for profits off our tax dollars. This is nothing more than a "money grab" of public tax dollars for personal gain and to control and destroy public education. | 1/8/2015 4:36 PM |
| 1339 | to begin with, the state funding formula is flawed and we have not been able to even keep pace with inflation. To have money further siphoned from our school district will put us out of business as we know it | 1/8/2015 4:35 PM |
| 1340 | My husband and I as longtime residents of Wisconsin strongly disagree with having a voucher system to fund private schools. We are now funding 2 school systems and it is hurting our public schools. Wisconsin public schools have always been strong and the pride of our state. This will no longer be the case if the voucher sytem continues! Good public schools need financial backing to remain strong! | 1/8/2015 4:33 PM |
| 1341 | 1. Do not use taxpayer money to fund private schools. 2. All schools should follow the same rules and regulations. 3. Cutting funding has hurt many rural schools. 4. Every child can attend a public school. | 1/8/2015 4:27 PM |
| 1342 | I can not see allowing private schools to get more funding thru my taxes when public school are underfunded. This totally unfair and geared towards higher income people. | 1/8/2015 4:26 PM |
| 1343 | Anybody who receives tax money should have to follow the same rules, no exceptions. | 1/8/2015 4:19 PM |
| 1344 | Since Act10 our district has reduced some staff and many others have been cut to part time to avoid the cost of benefits. | 1/8/2015 4:18 PM |
| 1345 | End vouchers. | 1/8/2015 4:18 PM |
| 1346 | I think it's wrong to use vouchers and unfair. We cannot afford to fund two systems. | 1/8/2015 4:15 PM |
| 1347 | Our public schools are losing ground and children are suffering. Public school funding needs to be increased | 1/8/2015 4:14 PM |
| 1348 | No tax money for private schools. | 1/8/2015 4:12 PM |
| 1349 | 1. More funding to struggling public schools and poorer school districts through reasoned, across-the-board tax increases. 2. All charter school private companies should be required to undergo drug tests (CEOs and administrative staff) in order to receive public funding. | 1/8/2015 4:11 PM |
| 1350 | I don't support using taxpayer money to fund private school at all. If this continues, I see at-risk kids really being screwed over. Private schools don't have to keep student that may bring great challenges. | 1/8/2015 4:10 PM |
| 1351 | It is to the point now where our students are not getting the resources they need-books, photocopies, etc. Staff has been cut and will continue to get cut. | 1/8/2015 4:05 PM |
| 1352 | Fortunately my "kids" are now adults so I am not aware of negative effects, but when money decreases, there will be some. | 1/8/2015 4:05 PM |
| 1353 | The $800 million Walker cut from the education budget should be put back. | 1/8/2015 4:03 PM |
| 1354 | Public schools and the children being taught in them are being sacrificed because of State funds being diverted to private and parochial charter and voucher schools. This will cause public schools to fail - then our society will fail. | 1/8/2015 4:01 PM |
| 1355 | As a highly qualified educator, I, like others in a similar situation, am being forced to do more with less. Even though the funding keeps going down, the mandates and demands of my job are increasing. I'm the social worker, mother, doctor, counselor, cook, provider in every sense, for kids who are relying on me to make a difference. I will NEVER give up on the kids. I will NEVER leave them behind. I will honestly NEVER understand how people who have no, or close to it, experience as an educator suddenly have all the answers for ME and how I am supposed to do MY job. Respect in every sense of the word MUST be repaired and restored for teachers if we want the best for our future, our kids. | 1/8/2015 4:00 PM |
| 1356 | Use public money for public schools only. | 1/8/2015 4:00 PM |
| 1357 | Public $ should not be used to fund private schools. | 1/8/2015 3:59 PM |
| 1358 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools. | 1/8/2015 3:56 PM |
| 1359 | Our school district - Milwaukee Public Schools - has been hammered by the cuts and it has deeply affected our family (my daughters are MPS students and my wife is an MPS teacher and we've had to pay increasing amounts out of pocket for situations. The anxiety about the changes and proposed changes is almost the worst part. We love where we are but the political changes here have us considering leaving. | 1/8/2015 3:52 PM |
| 1360 | Thankfully I live in a rural community. We have no charter or voucher schools in town, and the only private catholic schools are elementary level. This aspect has not affected our district much. However, the attacks on teachers has caused several wonderful experienced teachers to leave the proffesion. They have either retired early or found a different career. We have also faced referendums. | 1/8/2015 3:50 PM |

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| 1361 | Budget cuts have really affected the public school district I am a part of and most of the other public schools in my area. | 1/8/2015 3:50 PM |
| 1362 | Tax payer money shouldn't pay for religious schools. District charter schools are an excellent alternative for parents looking for choices. Those schools have to actually follow laws and be accountable. | 1/8/2015 3:49 PM |
| 1363 | EVERY ONE is hurting with the current budget cuts & reforms. We are only putting WI behind not forward. | 1/8/2015 3:47 PM |
| 1364 | The funding of religious school Funding private religious schools violates the Constitution regarding separation of church and state. | 1/8/2015 3:46 PM |
| 1365 | I wonder how the response will be when Muslims schools begin to demand support also like vouchers get now. And they will. I know everyone pays taxes for police but would make the analogy we all pay our own bodyguard bills if desired. | 1/8/2015 3:42 PM |
| 1366 | I am opposed to the vouchers in any shape or form. It is a blatant attack on our public schools. | 1/8/2015 3:41 PM |
| 1367 | I support Superintandant Evers idea of having a universal amount per pupil. Small, northern rural schools are burdened beyond belief under the current funding practices. ALL students in Wisconsin should get a fair and even chance at an education not just the southern part of the state. | 1/8/2015 3:38 PM |
| 1368 | For three straight years there has been no hiring to replace the retirees. Class sizes are my largest ever in 15 yes. And we don't have a department budget anymore to buy to consumables or capital equipment for science classes. | 1/8/2015 3:37 PM |
| 1369 | I see no benefit or reason to fund private schools. Test have shown no benefits for students over why pub lei schools can supply. If parents choose this route then they should be responsible for payment. | 1/8/2015 3:31 PM |
| 1370 | Budget cuts have pushed out master teachers who have been excellent mentors to young teachers who are beginning their careers. Young teachers are also jumping ship and leaving education as a career! Public Schools have been forced to play games with testing and referendums, etc... Our state government is not looking out for our citizens best interests by destroying our once progressive educational system! We have gone back in time! We SHOULD NOT BE FUNDING PRIVATE SCHOOLS AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS!!!!! Vouchers are irresponsible to our state! We have allowed the "dumbing down" of our schools by underfunding our public schools! We need to drop the voucher system!!!!! | 1/8/2015 3:30 PM |
| 1371 | tax dollars should not be used to fund for-profit schools. There is a long history of corruption with this | 1/8/2015 3:27 PM |
| 1372 | I would like to see the voucher program return to the districts of Milwaukee and Racine only. | 1/8/2015 3:24 PM |
| 1373 | Due to the reassessing of property values and increased federal aid, our district has faired better than most. We have been frugal with our funds and done our best to meet the needs of the community. | 1/8/2015 3:22 PM |
| 1374 | The expansion of voucher schools is a discredit to Wisconsin's long-standing tradition of excellent education. Over the past few years, thanks to our crooked Governor Walker and his cronies, schools, teachers, parents, families, and most importantly students have suffered. Voucher schools are a joke, and do not produce significant results. And even if they did or did not, how would we know, since they don't have to share information that would hold them accountable. We need to stop this nonsense and do what is actually good for Wisconsin's people, restore the former glory of the public education system. | 1/8/2015 3:21 PM |
| 1375 | Tax payer dollars should NOT be used for private school and most specifically religious based private schools. | 1/8/2015 3:19 PM |
| 1376 | i see larger class sizes, fewer teaching resources and fewer opportunities for valuable professional developmentmovernthe past five years. Reduced state funding and lsses due to vouchers are hurting the schools with the neediest students. Further criticism of these schools as being 'failing' is counterproductive. Plus teacher morale is at an all time low and it is harder to hold young teachers in the profession. | 1/8/2015 3:17 PM |
| 1377 | Punlic schools are more challenged than ever.Our best and brightest will not teach. | 1/8/2015 3:10 PM |
| 1378 | All efforts and monies should be used to improve public schools, especially in districts who have a large number of students receiving free or reduced lunch. | 1/8/2015 3:08 PM |
| 1379 | When we give up on pubic schools, we give up on democracy. | 1/8/2015 3:06 PM |
| 1380 | Taxpayers should not fund private schools ....period. Our local schools are suffering and losing staff. Class sizes are increasing, and we are losing teachers. | 1/8/2015 3:05 PM |
| 1381 | Public funds for public schools. Private funds for private schools. | 1/8/2015 3:05 PM |
| 1382 | Our money - OUR rules. If a private/voucher/charter school takes even $1 of tax-payer money, they should have to comply with every requirement/standard/protection as public school - PERIOD! | 1/8/2015 3:03 PM |
| 1383 | ... | 1/8/2015 2:59 PM |

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| 1384 | Using taxpayer for Voucher and Private schools violates the Lemon Test established by the Supreme Court. I think it is ridiculous that the schools are getting funding yet we have limited data on how they are doing at preparing our students. What types of academic growth are these schools having on our students? | 1/8/2015 2:59 PM |
| 1385 | I am angered and frustrated by the assault on Public Schools. Tax dollars are public moneys and should go to public programs. Let the church teach its doctrine in church only and let the wealthy communities have catered bake sales for their schools. Leave our public schools, their faculty and students to learn in peace. | 1/8/2015 2:57 PM |
| 1386 | Staff cuts, higher class sizes and new teachers leaving | 1/8/2015 2:54 PM |
| 1387 | Loss of staffing has increased class sizes and budget cuts are eliminating programs. | 1/8/2015 2:52 PM |
| 1388 | I reject expanding taxpayer money to fund private schools. | 1/8/2015 2:52 PM |
| 1389 | Public schools are suffering. They are underfunded already & private schools - many of which don't even allow women on their educational committees or a right to vote in educational decisions citing religious regulations - are abusing the system. Sad state of affairs. They do not teach acceptance of differing belief structures nor do they promote cultural understanding. Instead they take federal dollars & employ people with no teaching degrees. | 1/8/2015 2:52 PM |
| 1390 | I am incensed that public money is being used to fund private and religious schools. For the past five years my district has cut faculty and programs. I believe that each child deserves a quality education. This legislature is insuring that this is no longer the case. I am considering moving to another state, like Minnesota, that truly understands the value of supporting public schools. | 1/8/2015 2:51 PM |
| 1391 | Funding for private schools should occur only after public schools are 100% fully funded | 1/8/2015 2:46 PM |
| 1392 | I do not know, but I do know that I pay state taxes and I want my taxes coming back to my community. | 1/8/2015 2:44 PM |
| 1393 | 2 systems is wrong and does nothing to fix the problem | 1/8/2015 2:44 PM |
| 1394 | The Appleton district has had to cut valuable staff in support areas such as media, guidance. In addition, it needed referenda to provide necessary maintenance. | 1/8/2015 2:43 PM |
| 1395 | The public (tax payers) dollars should support public education. Democracy can only work if the public is educated. I want my tax dollars to provide the best possible education for Wisconsin children. That is the definition and reason for public education. | 1/8/2015 2:42 PM |
| 1396 | In this rural area, schools have a difficult time coping with budget cuts. | 1/8/2015 2:39 PM |
| 1397 | Our district has cut over $30 million in the last seven years, with another $4.5 coming next year. There is nothing left to cut except staff. In our high poverty district, class size matters, but with staff cuts, class sizes will go up and student needs will not be met. | 1/8/2015 2:39 PM |
| 1398 | When receiving public dollars ALL schools should abide by the same rules & expectations | 1/8/2015 2:39 PM |
| 1399 | I think voucher schools are destroying our public school system and I believe that they should be sharply curtailed. I certainly don't think everyone's tax dollars should be used to support voucher schools. I think more money and resources need to be funneled to our Public System for salaries, classroom supplies, and programs so people would not feel the need to go to a voucher school! | 1/8/2015 2:37 PM |
| 1400 | High turnover of staff, limited tools and resources necessary to do my job, can't afford basic supplies, low morale, reduced staff, increased demands, top down management, loss of a democratic voice | 1/8/2015 2:36 PM |
| 1401 | I was an art teacher (now retired) in MMSD. Budget cuts severely affected the art and music program. Teachers were getting classes for 3 hours straight and no break..(which I think is illegal).My school went from 1.2 allocation to .8 for the same job. Because we teach children with disabilities we were short on aides for some very needy children. We would put all of the needy children at one table where there might be one aide to help them all. Parents with money sent their children to private schools when things got "rough" but if they had a child with disabilities we got them because the private school wouldn't take them. There were about 10 autistic children at my school. Some of them had very disruptive behaviors, we also had children from an impoverished neighborhood that were bused in. These children were not fed, clothed, bathed, given adequate sleep and almost no attention by their parent(s) at home, many were abused and came with debilitating emotional scars. There was not adequate staffing to help. Two of these children with destructive and severe behavioral issues could turn a classroom upside down, AND of course they usually never stayed longer than 3 months at our school....very sad. Testing would point out who was failing but this information was never used to teach these failing students any differently because there was no money for it. If your child was gifted, esp. in a subject such as math, there was no program for them... It cost 3-4 times more to teach a child with disabilities and NOTHING was done for the "normal" child who excelled in a subject. I went to a private school 1-8th grades. My parents paid for it, it was their choice. I don't feel it is right to give public school money to private school vouchers. It is your choice! If you want to make the public schools better, change the funding of public schools. | 1/8/2015 2:34 PM |
| 1402 | There should be no voucher programs. | 1/8/2015 2:31 PM |

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| 1403 | I work for a public school system and believe in public education for all students. My own children went to a private e!ementary school to get a religious education and we paid for it no voucher. They went to a public high school and got an excellent education. Private schools should stay private unless they want to adhere to the same standards as public schools and accept all students. | 1/8/2015 2:28 PM |
| 1404 | I saw the origins of charter schools and vouchers to allow improving the lot of low-income or at-risk students by providing an alternative educational experience. This has been hijacked to siphone money to private religious and for-profit schools and I am ashamed of our legislators for allowing it. | 1/8/2015 2:28 PM |
| 1405 | Voucher systems are a pretext to privatize the public school system (not just at the state level,but nationwide). Voucher and private charter schools are dismantling participatory democracy. Public monies are for public schools. | 1/8/2015 2:24 PM |
| 1406 | I do not agree with using taxpayer money to fun private schools, however, if it is, these schools should have the same requirements and accountability standards as the public schools. | 1/8/2015 2:23 PM |
| 1407 | It is pretty clear to me that the constitution of the United States of America prohibits the mix of church and state we have in Wisconsin. Many our Christian schools and profess to love all but then exclude the difficult students many with disabilities. | 1/8/2015 2:23 PM |
| 1408 | Higher class sizes, increase costs to teachers buying classroom supplies/programs/resources with their own money. Added responsibilities with less time and resources to implement programs effectively. | 1/8/2015 2:20 PM |
| 1409 | Significant loss in staffing levels and reduced services to students. | 1/8/2015 2:19 PM |
| 1410 | We have larger class sizes, fewer support staff and no librarians. Teachers are buying more supplies and the schools are dirtier because of restricted hours for custodians. | 1/8/2015 2:15 PM |
| 1411 | There is a reduction in staff when students with disabilities or those who need extra support need those staff members the most. | 1/8/2015 2:12 PM |
| 1412 | I am retired. I think that education should be left to educators and politicians are not educators. I am so very disgusted with Walker and his cronies giving away money for vouchers that should go for public schools. | 1/8/2015 2:08 PM |
| 1413 | Keep more money in the public school arena for improvements. | 1/8/2015 2:08 PM |
| 1414 | 1) Absolutely NO public money should be given to religious schools. This violates all our right to separation of church and state. 2) Our school district had been sensible and frugal before the cuts came, and has therefore suffered all the more since. Funding by referenda splits, and even poisons our community. We are "property rich" but have massive poverty in the northwoods, which the current school funding formula penalizes to the max. Our kids are suffering, and so is our future. | 1/8/2015 2:06 PM |
| 1415 | reduced funding of our rural community school has resulted in fewer teachers, classes and a referendum that failed for more money. This has been a real disaster for our rural students. | 1/8/2015 2:05 PM |
| 1416 | I do not like PUBLIC takes paying for private schools. | 1/8/2015 2:04 PM |
| 1417 | having to do more with less in both money and material resources | 1/8/2015 1:59 PM |
| 1418 | Reduction to public school funds and cuts on arts and music education. | 1/8/2015 1:59 PM |
| 1419 | Stop the unaccountable vouchers. Public schools welcome all children at the door! Stop "experimenting" with our children. How about being as diligent about jobs and improving the economy in Wisconsin? Scott Walker and the GOP are not qualified to make decisions regarding education! | 1/8/2015 1:58 PM |
| 1420 | The whole idea leans toward totalitarianism rather than a healthy democracy! Healthy public schools is reflective of a healthy society. Our historically great schools in WI are in deep trouble, and we desperately need to fight for them! | 1/8/2015 1:55 PM |
| 1421 | Vouchers & voucher schools should NOT be funded by our tax dollars. We can afford one public school system that's enough. | 1/8/2015 1:52 PM |
| 1422 | Tax payer money should never be used to fund private schools! NEVER! | 1/8/2015 1:52 PM |
| 1423 | taxpayers pay for PUBLIC education - why do the idiots in office think otherwise? | 1/8/2015 1:49 PM |
| 1424 | No taxpayer money should be used to fund religious schools. In the state laws there are provisions for the separation of church and State. All rural schools have suffered because of reduced funds only to send our tax dollars to private schools. These private schools do not have to abide by the same rules as public schools. They do not have to accept all students, they can decide who they will accept and they do not have to abide by all the testing the State mandates. This is just plain wrong! | 1/8/2015 1:46 PM |
| 1425 | The lack of state funding from the state has decreased opportunities for my children and driven good teachers out of or from the profession. | 1/8/2015 1:46 PM |

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| 1426 | In Manitowoc, I believe over 70% of the vouchers went to children already enrolled in private schools. I think this is terrible. I don't think we should be funding two separate school systems and I don't think public money should be used for religious education. We have been deeply affected by the budget cuts. Mainly in the form of larger class sizes, losing teacher aides/specialists/custodians, program cuts, and morale is way down. We did try and run 3 recurring referenda in November, but all three failed. They would have addressed technology, building maintenance/security, and continuing current programming. We are most likely going to run them again in April, but also face resistance from the Manitowoc County Republican Party. | 1/8/2015 1:27 PM |
| 1427 | I'm absolutely opposed to giving tax dollars to fund private schools, especially when they are not held to the same standards of 'accountability' as public schools. I'm also extremely concerned that these programs cherry pick students and ask others who have trouble to leave. This is not right and puts further pressure on the public schools to educate any and all students that these voucher schools refuse to work with. Often, these students have higher needs than an average student, cost more to educate and are more likely to perform poorly on standardized tests. It is a death spiral for public education, especially in urban settings. | 1/8/2015 1:26 PM |
| 1428 | Our district has a referendum every three years which the community supports. Teachers got the raw end of the deal with Act 10. | 1/8/2015 1:23 PM |
| 1429 | reduced staffing/programming | 1/8/2015 1:17 PM |
| 1430 | This is aviolation of church and state. These are the same people who will not budge an inch in the second amendment. | 1/8/2015 1:17 PM |
| 1431 | As a public school teacher in inner-city Milwaukee, I see the detrimental effects of the voucher program first hand. It is disheartening to know that voucher programs can collect public tax dollars and then kick out students without reimbursing tax dollars to the citizens who support public services. The students removed from voucher schools for undesirable characteristics are than defected to public schools, where they are done a disadvantage, increasing student mobility, learning loss, and decreasing funding for public education. Students in the city of Milwaukee are forced to attend schools that are not favored by state legislators. Many of those in positions of power who claim to represent my students' constituency are disconnected from the realities of my students. It is fair to say that the legislators do not look like, nor come from, the same set of circumstances as my students, and for this very reason, it is next to impossible for them to empathize with the plight of their communities. Paying lip service to high-quality public education is a spit in the face to my students who deserve equitable access to true high-quality public education. We, as adults and policy makers, are responsible for putting our money where our mouth is and investing in the bedrock of society. We need students who have been historically disadvantaged to be put on the frontal lobe of those in positions of power and be granted the same privileges as those who have historically benefited from a higher socioeconomic standing. | 1/8/2015 1:09 PM |
| 1432 | Class size has grown in the Appleton Area School District and budgets have been cut. While Appleton citizens supported a referendum recently, with the continued cuts being made to public education and money being siphoned off and diverted to private and parochial schools, parents can't keep up with the fundraising needed to replace the funds that have been cut. I am totally opposed to public taxes being used in private/parochial schools and the taxpayer deduction for parents who select private education for their children. | 1/8/2015 1:08 PM |
| 1433 | Using taxpayer money to fund private schools seems to be contradictory. | 1/8/2015 1:08 PM |
| 1434 | Voucher schools should not be allowed to use special education students to gain money during the first 3 weeks of the school year, then kick them out and told to go to the public school. This is an abuse that should be stopped. They get to keep the money garnered from the "high" numbers in their school while the school that gets the special education students loose out and struggle to meet all the needs of these students. | 1/8/2015 1:04 PM |
| 1435 | I don't have kids but I support my taxes helping public school..I want out future generations to have access to good public education | 1/8/2015 1:03 PM |
| 1436 | "Cherry-picking" students leaves public schools with an ever-increasing responsibility to educate the more difficult and "costly" students. I fully believe parents have the right to educate children in a variety of settings - with their own pocketbooks. | 1/8/2015 1:00 PM |
| 1437 | Public schools have seen a reduction in elective courses including the arts due to drastic reductions of state aide. Our children needs these classes to enrich their education. | 1/8/2015 12:58 PM |
| 1438 | If my public school has to compete with private schools for taxpayer funding, the rules should be standard across the board.I believe we should have the right to know how our tax money is being used. We elect public school officials to be accountable and private voucher schools should be held to that standard as well. | 1/8/2015 12:58 PM |
| 1439 | State and federal guidelines should be removed from wi schools completely, public or private. | 1/8/2015 12:53 PM |
| 1440 | I think taxpayer money should fund public schools, period. Once we start taking money from public school funds to support private or charter schools, we are putting public school students at risk, favoring specific students instead of giving all students opportunities as equal as possible. | 1/8/2015 12:53 PM |

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| 1441 | Private religious schools should not get taxpayer money. I am a firm believer in separation of church and state, even though I did attend a parochial grade school and college. | 1/8/2015 12:50 PM |
| 1442 | The voucher program is taking away from my child's education. The budget has been cut to the point that important classes such as physical education and art are being taken away as well as funding for extra curricular activities that give children a chance to explore their interests, give them creative outlets and teach responsibility and team work. I pay for public education I want that money to go to public education, period. If the government chooses to continue the voucher program then those schools should be held to the same standards and rules as public schools as they are now part of the public schools by receiving public funding. | 1/8/2015 12:48 PM |
| 1443 | We already provide a great free education to students - if they want to go somewhere else (voucher school), they should be required to pay tuition as you would a private school. We should not be funding any other education other than the public education that we already provide to K-12 students. | 1/8/2015 12:48 PM |
| 1444 | Voucher schools have mot been shown to perform better, yet we know they take money from public schools. They are a failed experiment. | 1/8/2015 12:48 PM |
| 1445 | The State should only fund Public Schools. | 1/8/2015 12:48 PM |
| 1446 | Taxpayers should not pay for a private education, that is a families choice and they should pay. This comment comes from a person who went to a private school for 12 years. My parents wanted that but they would roll over in their graves if they thought it was harming public schools. | 1/8/2015 12:46 PM |
| 1447 | The cost of vouchers have dramatically increase class sizes at my school and have resulted in the elimination of the arts. We have also had many students enroll at my public school after their voucher schools dropped them due to special ed. needs and behavioral challeges. This always happens following the 3rd Friday counts. | 1/8/2015 12:44 PM |
| 1448 | I do not agree with taxpayer money funding private schools and I do feel that my public school district is feeling the financial pain of money being siphoned to private schools. Reduced staffing and increased workload does not make for successful schools. | 1/8/2015 12:41 PM |
| 1449 | I do not support the use of tax dollars to support private school vouchers. We should be increasing our funding to our public schools especially to low income areas/districts. | 1/8/2015 12:39 PM |
| 1450 | no more taxpayer funds. period | 1/8/2015 12:28 PM |
| 1451 | If you want to send your child to private school that is fine. But you should pay for it and/or the private school needs to provide its own financial assistance. If wechad a strong successful public institution, with a surplus budget I may be willing to talk. | 1/8/2015 12:22 PM |
| 1452 | Lots of staff cuts | 1/8/2015 12:20 PM |
| 1453 | Voucher schools are infringing on the public school system that has built our democracy. Taxpayer funds should go to public schools! | 1/8/2015 12:18 PM |
| 1454 | Cuts have been made in certain areas. | 1/8/2015 12:13 PM |
| 1455 | Class sizes have increased. | 1/8/2015 12:10 PM |
| 1456 | We have to go back to tax-basics here. The property tax funding scheme is *inherently* class-biased and therefore all too often openly racist. Wealth communities get wealthier and poor communities get poor. So the property tax system is *inherently* unconstitutional. When we have 20 ideologues in Madison teaming up to guy MKE public education, we have simply a right wing overthrow of elected government. Pull the unfair distribution of money and they are no longer interested. This also, by the way, requires the *preservation* of *charter schools* as public schools. | 1/8/2015 12:10 PM |
| 1457 | Using funds for non-public schools in unconstitutional. | 1/8/2015 12:08 PM |
| 1458 | Our local dist. has had to reduce critical staff to make ends meet. | 1/8/2015 12:07 PM |
| 1459 | I am opposed to using taxpayer money to fund private schools. | 1/8/2015 12:05 PM |
| 1460 | Stop using tax dollars to fund private schools. | 1/8/2015 12:01 PM |
| 1461 | Do not agree with using taxpayer money to fund private schools. Hence the term, private schools! The public's money should only go to public schools. | 1/8/2015 11:56 AM |
| 1462 | We are increasingly paying for referenda for pay for the daily operation of our public school system. | 1/8/2015 11:41 AM |
| 1463 | Public money should be devoted to public schools. If any given district wants to bring in private sector help, it should be accountable to the public school district and be under their complete oversight and control. | 1/8/2015 11:41 AM |

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| 1464 | Since 2005 my district has closed one of its three K-5 elementary schools and has reduced staff almost every year, partly based on reduced enrollment, but also because of revenue limits. While we now operate in an environment where schools must compete with each other because of open enrollment, revenue limits have severely hampered our ability to maintain, much less increase, program offerings. In 2006 my district sought a non-recurring referendum and it failed. In 2010 we sought another and it passed. In 2014 we sought a recurring referendum and it passed. Still, we will have to reduce staff because of declining enrollment. Most distressingly to me, we had to make up for the 2011 reductions in state aid by taking it out of the compensation we offer our staff. I am sure this is one of the reasons for an uptick in retirements the last few years. | 1/8/2015 11:40 AM |
| 1465 | Taxpayer money should not be spend on private schools. Most are sectarian, which violates the division between church and state and the underlying principle that we invest in our public schools as a matter of civic responsibility. I have written on this topic, and the research for it showed that those pushing this legislation are in the pockets of corporate education, which do not know how to develop curriculum or instruction for diverse classrooms. Of course districts have had to cut back, use referenda, etc., esp. those in rural areas. This governor and legislature are all about corporate control. It's wrong, it's damaging, and it should be stopped. | 1/8/2015 11:38 AM |
| 1466 | No public money for private schools | 1/8/2015 11:33 AM |
| 1467 | Funding private schools with public money is a bad idea. Many private schools have the resources to provide assistance to families that can't afford private school tuition, but choose the private school path for their children. In addition, the more money taken out of public schools, the less resources public school staff have to help educate a majority of the children in this state. | 1/8/2015 11:32 AM |
| 1468 | There should not be any taxpayer money used for private schools for any reason. | 1/8/2015 11:31 AM |
| 1469 | Efforts to privatize our public schools must be stopped. | 1/8/2015 11:30 AM |
| 1470 | Public dollars should not be funneled into private education, particularly FOR PROFIT private education. | 1/8/2015 11:30 AM |
| 1471 | As a small, rural district, we struggle with lack of funds and the ability to keep good teachers who can get lots more money elsewhere. A more equitable funding system is essential. | 1/8/2015 11:28 AM |
| 1472 | We cannot afford to fund to school systems--a public school system and a voucher school system. | 1/8/2015 11:07 AM |
| 1473 | Unconstitutional. A failed experiment. Further segregates students socio-economically. Another tax break for the wealthy. Vouchers do nothing to address the real issue of students who come from low socio-economic back grounds are least likely to succeed in school. If we were sincere in our interest in promoting school success for all students we would address minimum wage, cost of health care, Womens rights for equal pay for equal work, early childhood education and all other economic issues that we know continue to lock people into living in poverty. | 1/8/2015 11:03 AM |
| 1474 | As a parent I can choose to provide my children additional learning experiences beyond what Public Schools provide (Soccer, Music, Karate, etc.) I have never expected these to be paid for from Taxes, why should private schools be treated different. | 1/8/2015 11:03 AM |
| 1475 | I am totally against voucher and charter schools. A great number of their students have attended private schools (at their parents expense not taxpayers) that now get tax deductible FREE private education. Our public schools have cut back on teachers and some programs. We had a great school system and now it is floundering because of cutbacks. | 1/8/2015 10:54 AM |
| 1476 | cuts are being made to public schools here. And, it is causing the school to create referenda to keep up with budget shortfalls. There is nothing more to cut in the school budget.The state has only hurt public education and passed increased tax costs to local tax payers- all the while giving money to private schools who do not have to meet the same standards or play by the same rules. | 1/8/2015 10:52 AM |
| 1477 | More stressed out teachers trying to teach students in order for them to "test well" or be sanctioned under merit based systems...doing so with less resources and more students. | 1/8/2015 10:47 AM |
| 1478 | The choice to attend a private school is a parnt's option. I should not have to pay for their choice. Wisconsin has wonderful public schools, or had before they came under assault by the waltons and the republicans. I see teachers in public schools in my school district struggle with classrooms with a much greater percentage than usual of more disadvantaged/needy children as many advantaged children have been skimmed off to go to our charter schools in the area. I have seen more needy students being "gently" removed from our charter schools and sent back to public school venues, leaving the more highly skilled, attentive, and compliant students left in the charter classrooms. The same can be said for voucher schools. | 1/8/2015 10:38 AM |
| 1479 | Anyone wishing to have their child attend a Private school should have that opportunity but it should be on their dime | 1/8/2015 10:38 AM |
| 1480 | Taxes paid by the citizens of Wisconsin should be used to support and improve out public school system. Providing tax money to private schools only reduces our ability to do this. | 1/8/2015 10:37 AM |

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| 1481 | I am a Christian and believe in God. That being said, I do not think that my tax dollars should be used to fund private schools. We need one strong public school in this state. Operating two education systems, just costs more money for the state and gives more work to parents who have to continually watch what is going on in schools and be aware of what is developmentally appropriate, instead of listening to public school teachers who know these things because it is their profession. | 1/8/2015 10:32 AM |
| 1482 | The thing that irritates me the most is to have a charter school accept a SE student at the beginning of the year. Then on the 3rd Friday turn that student out, but keep the money. | 1/8/2015 10:31 AM |
| 1483 | There is a current proposal to give schools an A-F grade and punish low performing schools. This is hogwash. Until all schools have equal funding per student, and all students come from equal socio-economic backgrounds, there is no fair way to "test" schools. The most accurate predictor of a school's grade is the average socio-economic background of its students. | 1/8/2015 10:29 AM |
| 1484 | Funding of private schools with taxpayer money has already negatively impacted rural school districts' staffing, programming, and maintenance. With further cuts in state funding many districts will not be able to provide even a "basic" education program for students. | 1/8/2015 10:28 AM |
| 1485 | All students get the same $ All schools treated the same | 1/8/2015 10:25 AM |
| 1486 | I don't know how public schools will survey with anymore budget cuts. Is this the goal of our governor?! | 1/8/2015 10:22 AM |
| 1487 | Public education benefits society as a whole whether the taxpayers have children in school or not. With that being said, if parents make the decision to send their children to a private school it makes sense that they should have some percentage of their tax dollars directed towards their child's education, which also benefits society as a whole. Wisconsin has a great tradition of public education that has clearly benefited our great state. There is absolutely a way to continue this tradition and allow parents to choose the best schooling for their children in the way of private education if they see fit. There is an optimum solution to meeting the desires of all Wisconsinites for their childrens' education. This solution will only be met through respectful dialogue which can be achieved when we all realize that we all just want what is best for the children of Wisconsin. | 1/8/2015 10:16 AM |
| 1488 | DO NOT use taxpayer monies to fund unaccountable voucher schools. Make all schools accountable exactly the same: same tests, same state mandates (including sex ed and health,) same science classes (no "intelligent design,") same inclusion of disabled students, including behaviorally disruptive students that public schools must educate. | 1/8/2015 10:08 AM |
| 1489 | Private schools should not receive a dime of taxpayers' money. Otherwise they are not private. | 1/8/2015 10:00 AM |
| 1490 | Let non-religious private schools go under an umbrella of "charter schools" in a district and report test scores, etc. under that. Allow all children to take courses in any of the schools-like home schoolers can take math classes, etc. That way all students can benefit from all classes to improve.Also if public schools would have to cut electives and private schools could get more monies to offer them, all kids could benefit from taking those courses. | 1/8/2015 9:49 AM |
| 1491 | I sent my children to a private school for 8 years did not expect taxpayers to help. Better education more control over children and a lot cheaper to run the school. There is so much waste in our schools, teachers are under attack for being a public employee. We can not compete in the world with our school system. | 1/8/2015 9:49 AM |
| 1492 | we are cutting staff and choices | 1/8/2015 9:49 AM |
| 1493 | WI cannot keep funding two separate and unequal public systems. Vouchers and private charters need to end. | 1/8/2015 9:46 AM |
| 1494 | Public schools are in trouble because the needs of students are great and the funding continues to be cut. If people want private education for their child, they should pay for it. But public schools educate all and that education will make a difference in their future and in every citizen in our state. | 1/8/2015 9:44 AM |
| 1495 | It has not been pretty. One of the impacts is that teachers have not had a pay raise yet they're paying more for their insurance, retirement. As a result it has become competitive among schools and teachers are leaving for other districts or out of state! | 1/8/2015 9:43 AM |
| 1496 | Attending a private school should be an option for all parents. But that does not mean it should be the burden of taxpayers. That being said, low income families should be afforded the same opportunities. I would like to see state funded scholarships based on household income and the students ability to maintain a certain gpa. | 1/8/2015 9:32 AM |
| 1497 | I do not favor using taxpayer money to fund private schooling. Cuts are necessary in all public school budgets, I believe, due to the state budget cuts. | 1/8/2015 9:31 AM |
| 1498 | Education for all is a basic tenant to improving society. With that, private schools ate not held to the same standards, and can exclude students who have special needs to learn, as well as provide a different level of education that may or may not be suitable. Threw is nothing wrong with having private schools, but if public money helps find those schools, they need to be held to the same standards as public schools. | 1/8/2015 9:26 AM |
| 1499 | I want my tax dollar to go to public schools ONLY. | 1/8/2015 9:20 AM |

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| 1500 | I just don't understand how the separation of church and state is no longer separate. How did we get here? | 1/8/2015 9:17 AM |
| 1501 | I am opposed to using tax payer money to fund voucher schools, esp. schools that are religious in nature. Remember the "old adage" of separation of church and state?!!!! | 1/8/2015 9:16 AM |
| 1502 | Private schools should be accountable and follow the same guidelines as all public schools. Children in public schools will face shortages due to the fact that more money is being spent on the private schools. If parents want their children to attend private schools, then they should foot the bill themselves. We are going to become a state widely divided by the haves and the have-nots and it will be funded by tax dollars. This program is going to produce a caste system. | 1/8/2015 9:14 AM |
| 1503 | Referendas increase local taxes. (-$11 from State decrease. Thanks.) | 1/8/2015 9:11 AM |
| 1504 | Public schools are suffering because of the voucher program. | 1/8/2015 9:11 AM |
| 1505 | As a taxpayer, I have always been vehemently opposed to the use of my tax dollars to fund religious schools. As an educator, I see first-hand the damage already being done to our public schools by lack of adequate funding: Staff and program cuts, lack of supplies and materials resources, antiquated technology that can't be replaced, and annual referendums just to keep the doors open. This is going to continue getting worse under the current system. | 1/8/2015 9:10 AM |
| 1506 | Negatively impacting public school education. | 1/8/2015 9:07 AM |
| 1507 | Governor Walker and his gang of Republucans are destroying public education, in large part by gutting funding for public schools in order to have poor and middle class people pay for rich people to send their kids to charter or private schools. Stop it now. | 1/8/2015 9:04 AM |
| 1508 | Private schools are just that, private. No public taxpayer money should be given to them. | 1/8/2015 9:03 AM |
| 1509 | Reduced staffing, reduced resources for students, unsafe teaching and learning conditions | 1/8/2015 9:02 AM |
| 1510 | Our public schools are continuing to have less money to do more, this is NOT right | 1/8/2015 9:02 AM |
| 1511 | Taxpayer money should NEVER be used to support private schools. PERIOD! | 1/8/2015 8:57 AM |
| 1512 | The cuts in my district have been extreme. It is beyond time to start giving back to the students and staff of Wisconsin. Cut backs seems to be valued more than the solid education of our students. It hurts now but a larger effect of these cuts will be seen in a few years as students progress through the system. Our legislatures don't have the foresight to see that. The top level of college entrance test scores ( lately first or second in the nation) will no doubt go down in Wisconsin unless the gutting of Wisconsin schools is reversed immediately. | 1/8/2015 8:51 AM |
| 1513 | All students should be required to pass the same state tests and meet state requirements; NO religious instruction should be permitted in schools supported by the public in any way. | 1/8/2015 8:51 AM |
| 1514 | Teachers have less resources | 1/8/2015 8:46 AM |
| 1515 | It is unconstitutional to have taxpayer money fund private, religiously affiliated schools. This practice only increases the gap between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'. Since most children in Wisconsin attend public school, that is where most of the funding should be going. If say 80% of students attend public school, than 80% of the educational budget should fund public schools, not the majority of it going to private schools that are not comparable and do not follow federal guidelines. | 1/8/2015 8:44 AM |
| 1516 | We have used the revenue exemption rules for energy efficiency projects in order to do capital improvements. | 1/8/2015 8:37 AM |
| 1517 | Reduced staff and programs | 1/8/2015 8:35 AM |
| 1518 | Under current guidelines, public schools have lost important tax dollars while being forced to spend money on marketing and advertising. Public schools are being forced to divert time and money away from education in order to attract and keep students all while operating under a microscope by the state. Data, data data...so much time is spent collecting and analyzing the required data to satisfy the state when can teachers just teach? So much testing...all for data. NO time to use teachable moments if they don't apply to the tests! Schools are not business institutions and should not be treated as though they are. I am not saying schools should not be accountable for providing a quality education but where is the common sense?! | 1/8/2015 8:34 AM |
| 1519 | As a small school district we have lost a large percentage of our funding. We'v had to consolidate sports, music and arts programs with other schools in order to keep them at all. | 1/8/2015 8:30 AM |
| 1520 | Our district has been struggling financially for the last 6 years. With budgets continuing to being cut our classroom programs have diminished therefore families move on to other schools through open enrollment. This vicious cycle needs to end. | 1/8/2015 8:25 AM |
| 1521 | Public = supported by taxes. Private = supported by private funds. No taxes for support private schools. | 1/8/2015 8:24 AM |
| 1522 | Vouchers are hurting public education. There is less money for our kids. Wausau will be having a referenda this spring. It is not fair that voucher schools don't have to follow the same rules as public schools. | 1/8/2015 8:15 AM |

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| 1523 | Schools in the north are struggling with the funding formula and less and less state money. They reduce EVERYTHING and go to unpopular and temporary referendums that furthur divide the communities. | 1/8/2015 8:12 AM |
| 1524 | it is ridiculous to try to fund two separate and unequal education systems | 1/8/2015 8:12 AM |
| 1525 | private schools should get their funding from private sources. Any Public funding an organization receives should make that school/organization subject to the rules of public education. | 1/8/2015 8:11 AM |
| 1526 | NO more tax-payer subsidies for private, for-profit schools! | 1/8/2015 8:04 AM |
| 1527 | I pay taxes and have no children in school. I do not have a dog in this fight. | 1/8/2015 8:00 AM |
| 1528 | I believe that taxpayers should not subsidize private schools at all. If WIsconsin is to compete and thrive, we must strengthen our public schools. The current Republican assault on our public schools will ensure that we have a low performing state. | 1/8/2015 7:59 AM |
| 1529 | The data compiled over the past 20 years of vouchers in Milwaukee has shown that students in this program do worse than those students in public schools. Under part of the current law, many families that received tax credits never attended a public school and are not in poverty. While everyone wants public schools to be accountable and are rated each year by the DPI, these private schools are treated differently and that is not fair. | 1/8/2015 7:54 AM |
| 1530 | Not yet | 1/8/2015 7:52 AM |
| 1531 | My children's school has fewer teachers, fewer materials, higher class sizes, and less access to "specials" classes because of budget cuts. | 1/8/2015 7:49 AM |
| 1532 | Schools were one of the first priorities for settlers, funded by terms in the Northwest Ordinance. The current anti-school attitude seems solely aimed at keeping generations ill-educated and therefore suited only to low-wage jobs. It is killing our state. | 1/8/2015 7:48 AM |
| 1533 | My son attended a private Catholic school for his K-8 education. My husband and I felt that the smaller setting of that school was a better fit for him and his educational needs. I was grateful that there was a school that better fit his needs. But sending him to that school was a choice that we made and was our responsibility to pay for, not the taxpayers of Wisconsin. Some will argue that just because we could afford the private tuition, doesn't mean that someone of lesser means should be denied. On the surface that would appear to be a fair argument, but private parochial schools have always had students without the means attend through scholarships provided by the congregation. This system has allowed the churches to include religious education without being concerned with issues of church and state. Now we are giving money to students, many of whom were already attending the school, through public funding without demanding any accountability or separation of church and state. That is wrong on so very many levels. Our public school district happens to be in rural northern Wisconsin. We have had non-stop budget cuts since the early 2000's. We have had to go to referendums several times to simply raise enough money to cover operating costs. We now have in place an organization of community members whose only purpose is to raise money for school district projects. The irony of that is that those with greater means are actually spending more money to support the school district than if the funding rules were rewritten and private vouchers weren't taking from the public schools. | 1/8/2015 7:37 AM |
| 1534 | We have seen reduced staffing, a large amount of retirements, cuts in educational programming (i.e. "specials" classes like business education, and a lot of teacher turnover | 1/8/2015 7:33 AM |
| 1535 | as a taxpayer taht have no kids. I reject the idea that I should have to pay taxes to two schools systems...I will pay for public that is in the constitution but not private... | 1/8/2015 7:31 AM |
| 1536 | Our public school is struggling to balance our budget. If sage does not continue we will need to make even more cuts to our high quality staff. Thus in turn will sacrifice the quality of readying our students for the real world. | 1/8/2015 7:29 AM |
| 1537 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools period! Obviously our school district is not doing as well due to recent budget cuts. | 1/8/2015 7:24 AM |
| 1538 | Everything seems to be cut back - i.e, number of class offerings, field trips, higher class size. Obviously, staff have seen wages cut, and frozen. | 1/8/2015 7:23 AM |
| 1539 | Nuts! | 1/8/2015 7:22 AM |
| 1540 | NO taxpayer money should go to PRIVATE or RELIGIOUS schools. It angers me to realize some of my tax dollars are supporting religious schools that teach beliefs against my own. The constitution provides a separation of church and state, I feel tax dollars supporting religious schools is a violation of the constitution. The voucher program to religious schools NEEDS to be stopped and those schools should have to PAY BACK ALL THE TAX DOLLARS THEY HAVE RECEIVED TO DATE! I know that public schools in my area have been forced to run referendums in an attempt to get needed funds for basic requirements. Teacher salaries are lower than in 2010, but most people in my area think teachers "make too much money" and their salaries should be cut further. | 1/8/2015 7:22 AM |

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| 1541 | We have seen reduced staffing, but every student has an iPad... Apparently, before vouchers, Districts counted on the "free money" provided to them when students in their district went to private schools--is this a necessary funding formula for public schools? I'm all for a free, good education, but it seems to me the system is top heavy and the intricacies of funding exacerbate the issue. School funding seems to be more excruciating than Pentagon spending reform. In a way, I don't see a problem with money following a student. I do see a problem with the lack of accountability and transparency in funding, standards, testing, etc. I want to hate charter schools, but if there's a way to do a better job for less, then we need to get those ideas flowing. THAT is what education means to me. Not protecting the status quo, but creating status "wow!" | 1/8/2015 7:16 AM |
| 1542 | We had some of our children in the private system, while one was in public because his needs were special education. The 3 in private after several years joined their sibling in the public system transitioning one at the start of middle school and the other two while in elementary levels. We support tax money ONLY for public schools for that reason alone, although there are several reasons under that umbrella too, but first and foremost, taxpayer funds should only fund PUBLIC SCHOOLS! Private is choice, public includes and is for EVERYONE! (Side note...I am with the Fox Cities Advocates for Public Education and appreciate your survey!!! Thank you!) | 1/8/2015 7:12 AM |
| 1543 | It appears that our public schools continue to get hit with decreased funding and increased requirements. This is not a sustainable model and diverting more money away from public schools will keep making it more difficult for our schools to correct current shortcomings. There is such a thing as school choice and no one is forcing parents to send their child to a private school. If a parent prefers their child receives a private education I do not see how fellow taxpayers should be responsible for subsidizing the private school tuition. | 1/8/2015 7:10 AM |
| 1544 | I personally feel that we should not be doing this voucher program with the exception of students who may be falling behind and could use smaller class sizes, or are really struggling based on they will get more one on one help in a smaller school setting. These students families should else meet certain income levels if the parents make XX dollars, the student will not be eligible for the program. SO basically they need to meet income requirements as well as need more help. THese schools should also meet all government requirements and be held accountable. | 1/8/2015 7:01 AM |
| 1545 | My district needed a referendum just to keep current with technology. Our students, and our schools, deserve better than having to beg taxpayers to keep up with the rest of the nation. | 1/8/2015 6:55 AM |
| 1546 | I am not currently a Wisconsin resident but have friends and relatives (many of them children) who still live in the state. I'm filling out this survey because I care about them and because I thought the U.S. government still operated on a separate church/state basis. "Private" schools should be able to do/teach what they want as long as they're paying all their costs; the minute taxpayers are on the hook it's a different matter. | 1/8/2015 6:53 AM |
| 1547 | If taxpayer money is used for private schools, they must follow and abide by the same guidelines and accountibilty public schools need to. I cant imagine paying taxes for other peoples children attending schools my family is not associated with? | 1/8/2015 6:52 AM |
| 1548 | The legislature is charged by the state constitution to support a free public education for all students from age 4-20. Their failure to follow through on this mandate have caused budget cuts and attempts to maintain quality through referenda. Do your job legislature. WE cannot afford to fund two education systems in the state! | 1/8/2015 6:49 AM |
| 1549 | Reduced programming. Higher administrator salaries. | 1/8/2015 6:41 AM |
| 1550 | I believe the public school system will cease to function properly with the new funding proposals. All schools receiving tax payer money should have the same regulations and testing. | 1/8/2015 6:39 AM |
| 1551 | My parents paid -on their own - for our parochial school education (7 kids). The churches kicked in funding. In high school we kids cleaned classrooms to reduce tuition (1960s-70s). They were proud to sacrifice to send their kids to a religious school. But they were also proud tax paying supporters of public schools and were vocal on the need for both and the responsibility of our larger society to raise educated children to educated adults. I am a proud public school supporter. Private schools are a parent's choice - but not mine and NOT my responsibility as a taxpayer to support. Vouchers are another Republican sponsored government intrusion into my pocketbook and life. | 1/8/2015 6:38 AM |
| 1552 | Rules of child acceptance should be the same, they need to provide the same services. Ie. Special ed, rti, etc | 1/8/2015 6:25 AM |
| 1553 | Wisconsin has traditionally had some of the highest ACT scores in the country. This alone will be in jeopardy if funding continues to decline. | 1/8/2015 6:21 AM |
| 1554 | I think parents have the right to send their student to a private school but I should not pay for their decision. I want my tax dollars to remain local. I've seen supplies cut and teachers asked to do more unpaid duties in our district. I've seen salaries stagnate and an inability to fill positions with highly qualified candidates to teach the children. | 1/8/2015 6:21 AM |
| 1555 | If taxpayer money is used to fund private schools, the private schools should be expected to follow the same rules as the public schools. The private schools that accept the public's tax money should be made aware that the acceptance of the funds creates a contract of services to the public and they will be held accountable to the public and their representatives. | 1/8/2015 6:02 AM |

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| 1556 | I believe it is the responsibility of the parent to fund their child's private school education. I am not aware that any public schools in my surrounding area have been affected by voucher schools. | 1/8/2015 5:50 AM |
| 1557 | Reduced staff and funds for materials and programs. Referendum was passed last Spring to exceed revenue cap. | 1/8/2015 5:39 AM |
| 1558 | private schooling is a choice. No one should be bailed out because they've chosen to send their student to those schools. And charter and voucher schools only "work" p, when they are held to the same educational standards as public institutions. | 1/8/2015 5:13 AM |
| 1559 | I don't think public money (taxpayer money) should fund private schools at all. I think the method of funding public schools needs to be changed, so that public education has more resources to better educate ALL our kids. Education is so important, and we really need to reacquaint ourselves with the concept of "the public good." | 1/8/2015 4:40 AM |
| 1560 | Taxpayer money should NOT be used to fund private schools ever! If someone wants to send their child to a private school, then that is their choice. But then they should be footing the bill! Not me! Our school district is struggling because of all the budget cuts! We have lost several educators and cannot afford to replace them because of those cuts. The other teachers have had to double and triple up on their responsibilities, which is especially difficult during these times of such change. Accountability measures have been extremely overbearing. Testing has become the most important part of education... not learning. How sad. | 1/8/2015 4:37 AM |
| 1561 | I live in an extremely rural area -- with limited choice, if any so parents in this area don't have those kinds of choices. And there are cuts being made in my school district because the funding is supporting these schools elsewhere. Unless they are willing to play by the same rules that public schools are required to, then all vouchers should be eliminated. | 1/8/2015 3:51 AM |
| 1562 | Vouchers are another welfare program. Why does the GOP want to take away food for the hungry, medical assistance for the poor, make huge cuts to public employees ... and then give that money in turn to the rich for something that is already provided for free? | 1/8/2015 3:31 AM |
| 1563 | Public education is the center of many towns. We shouldn't hold public schools ransom because of millionaire charter/voucher school owners. | 1/8/2015 2:12 AM |
| 1564 | Education is the most important thing. THE. MOST. IMPORTANT. THING. And Governor Walker and his associates are trying to turn it into a moneygrab that leaves out low-income families - making a mockery of a system that has worked for us for decades. My only hesitation on some of the previous questions regarding religion are that I feel that if a low-income student makes an informed decision and truly wants a religious education for religious reasons, that should be their right. However, any religion given to any student that does not desire it should be STRICTLY forbidden. | 1/8/2015 1:27 AM |
| 1565 | The students' education has been significantly decreased because of lack of funding. The cuts in programs and increases in class size has been drastic. | 1/8/2015 1:25 AM |
| 1566 | I totally oppose it | 1/8/2015 12:02 AM |
| 1567 | WRONG!!! Support our public school and educators. | 1/7/2015 11:58 PM |
| 1568 | I don't believe taxpayers should support private voucher schools especially when they do not have to follow the same rules and guidelines as public schools. Our district has reduced staff significantly, teachers are teaching an additional class each day, and our class sizes have grown as well. All this while all the new state mandates are being initiated is resulting in incredible low moral. I am only 51 years old and there is only one other teacher in our high school with more years teaching than myself. So many are finding a way out of education. This is going to decrease the quality of our education system. Unfortunately I feel that this has been the republicans plan all along. Ruin the public schools.....make them look really bad.....in turn increase private vouchers.....and make money off of students..... Money, money, money..... They see students as dollar signs only. | 1/7/2015 11:52 PM |
| 1569 | There is less money tha before for needed curriculum materials and supplies. I fail to understand how taxpayer money can be used to fund religious education. This seems contrary to the separation of church and state. | 1/7/2015 11:30 PM |
| 1570 | This absolutely should not be happening in WI. All school aged children should be allowed a suitable education unless parents want to pay for something else. | 1/7/2015 11:28 PM |
| 1571 | Public funds should not benefit private investments. Just like I don't want my tax dollars to be invested into a specific company, neither should they pushed into a private school. If they would alter the funding formula to fit nowadays and direct public dollars toward public schools, fewer issues would come up and less dissent would be heard. If private schools are not doing well, then they need to fix business practices like public schools have been forced to do since their monies have disappeared. | 1/7/2015 11:17 PM |
| 1572 | It is troubling to see the number of districts appealing to the public to maintain basic services after the passage of Act 10. How this can be considered progress for Wisconsin is beyond me. | 1/7/2015 11:15 PM |
| 1573 | It has cut budgets drastically. Vouchers are destroying the public school system. | 1/7/2015 11:08 PM |

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| 1574 | With the budget restrictions on public education, the money that is going into the voucher program should be going into public education. | 1/7/2015 11:08 PM |
| 1575 | Despite the tools that Governor Walker has given us, our district is losing its best and brightest teachers. The funding formula is absolutely suffocating our historically frugal district. We've cut $4 million out of our budget since Governor Walker took over, and we are projected to cut another $5 million over the next five years. Teachers will continue to leave our district. Teacher morale is in a scary place. In light of increased demands on teachers, Educator Effectiveness, Union busting, expansion of vouchers, and a deteriorating public perception of our profession, the thing I find most troubling is that teachers don't have anyone left to inspire them. Many of us would accept these changes more willingly if we believed in and were inspired by the people imposing them. As such, more highly qualified teachers will pursue that "back up plan" they started preparing over the last few years. | 1/7/2015 11:04 PM |
| 1576 | I think it is unfair to students who are losing out on quality instruction, and are not receiving the same opportunity to succeed. Most students in private schools do not need the same assistance as others, as well. | 1/7/2015 11:02 PM |
| 1577 | If taxpayer money is used to fund a private school, that school should have to follow the same rules and be accountable just as public schools are. | 1/7/2015 11:00 PM |
| 1578 | WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO SUPPORT TWO EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS IN WI | 1/7/2015 10:59 PM |
| 1579 | Not good | 1/7/2015 10:54 PM |
| 1580 | Our district has cut staff due to budget cuts and put more of the burden on the employees for their health insurance and retirement, meaning staff earn less and take home less pay for the same amount of work they've always done. Because of less staff some teachers are having to do more for the same salary. Health insurance copays and deductibles have increased greatly as the district seeks to get cheaper and cheaper insurance to save the money (due to budget cuts caused by Act 10). | 1/7/2015 10:51 PM |
| 1581 | It is wrong and costing $$ to small schools who are already on tight budgets. If they want private school...it should be paid with private dollars. they are robbing the constitutional rights of all public school related citizens! | 1/7/2015 10:51 PM |
| 1582 | All private schools should be non-state funded. Also, there should be no tax reductions with privatly funded schools. | 1/7/2015 10:49 PM |
| 1583 | As a parent who chose to send my children to a parochial school, which meant paying tuition, on top of my tax dollars already taken to provide public education for others, I know that private schools are capable of providing a quality education equal to, or better than public schools. When my daughter's class graduated from private elementary school and went to public high school, 3 of the girls from her class were in the top 10 (not top 10%) of their graduating class, my daughter included. They came to high school better prepared than students coming out of the public schools in the city. | 1/7/2015 10:48 PM |
| 1584 | As an alumnus of a Catholic grade school and a Catholic high school, I have always felt that attending private schools is one's personal CHOICE. But that choice should NEVER be supported by taxpayers. Nor does that choice absolve oneself of the taxpayer responsibility to support our public schools. Public funding for private schools is just plain wrong, and threatens the wonderful education lagacy our forefathers worked so hard to establish. I suspect they would be apalled by the whole concept of publicly funded private school vouchers. | 1/7/2015 10:46 PM |
| 1585 | Cutting funding to public schools is complete madness. America is already very low-ranked in education quality, and cutting funding isn't going to help the situation. After Walker's budget bill in 2011, I saw many experienced teachers retire before their benefits and pay sank any lower. Also, funding to religious schools should be very low, if at all, because the teachings at many of these schools are undermining public interest (e.g. homophobia, science illiteracy, lack of critical thinking, etc.) Unfortunately, those raised with poor science education critical thinking skills are particularly susceptible to scams, manipulation and pseudoscience, which hurts everyone. | 1/7/2015 10:44 PM |
| 1586 | We have seen reductions in staffing and programs, and have had to pass a referendum to fund the district. | 1/7/2015 10:42 PM |
| 1587 | It is ridiculous to fund private schools with taxpayer money. The public schools should be receiving the money to help with the recent budget cuts. Public schools should be supported. | 1/7/2015 10:39 PM |
| 1588 | Staffing, especially in the area of special education aides, building aides, and teachers, has been reduced, in spite of greater needs, particularly mental health issues and more low socioeconomic students. | 1/7/2015 10:39 PM |
| 1589 | Public schools are struggling...more work for teachers and fewer resources...salaries frozen...retires not being replaced. | 1/7/2015 10:32 PM |
| 1590 | In our school district there has been a reduction of teachers and support staff. The staff is paying more for benefits and salaries have been limited to 1% raises. Our class sizes have risen and it appears our district will need to move to a referendum in 2 years. My guess is it will not pass, since our current government has tainted public education and demonized our educators. | 1/7/2015 10:30 PM |

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| 1591 | I think that the expansion of vouchers would be very detrimental to neighborhood public schools, and as a result, detrimental to our neighborhoods. If families have an easy way to opt out of a struggling school, they will not work to help improve the school, and families with the lowest incomes will suffer. Instead, funds should be used to support struggling families with quality childcare and oh her resources to improve quality of life in general. I think improved family situations will have the natural effect of improving schools, because school performance closely tracks median incomes of families whose children attend the school. | 1/7/2015 10:29 PM |
| 1592 | Public schools are struggling to keep current staff and programing because of budget cuts. Many schools are having to go to referendums just to keep the doors open. | 1/7/2015 10:29 PM |
| 1593 | Voucher schools have been less effective than public schools, yet they draw funding from the public schools. Simply put, vouchers are a disaster for our public education system. | 1/7/2015 10:27 PM |
| 1594 | it is fundamentally wrong | 1/7/2015 10:27 PM |
| 1595 | I believe all tax dollars should go to public schools. Private schools should be funded by personal funds. Everyone is free to give their post-tax income as they see fit. If you want your child to go to private school, you can pay the tuition with your own money. Public schools were set up to serve everyone, for the greater good of the population, through tax dollars. | 1/7/2015 10:26 PM |
| 1596 | Our public school has had to reduce staff, cut programs, put more duties in remaining staff which has affected the quality of the education. Public opinion of public schools and teachers have been tainted in Wisconsin. I am truly saddened. Students with disabilities should not be discriminated against by private schools. Why is this allowed? | 1/7/2015 10:25 PM |
| 1597 | The push to privatize public education is an attack on the one of the most fundamental pillars of a democratic society. | 1/7/2015 10:24 PM |
| 1598 | Private schools mean just that. Not funded by the public. Stop the hooking and crooking. Obey the law. If you want to go to a private school, you pay, not the public. If you want the public to pay, you go to a public school. | 1/7/2015 10:21 PM |
| 1599 | AS a public school teacher, I have been very aware of the methodical and systematic eroding of WI's public school system by our current government leaders. I fear for the future of WI and the future of its children. | 1/7/2015 10:18 PM |
| 1600 | I believe tax payer money should NOT be used to fund private schools. If a public school is not good enough then the family should be responsible for the cost, not the public. | 1/7/2015 10:15 PM |
| 1601 | It is unfair that tribal schools are blocked from participation in vouchers and get no state funding !! | 1/7/2015 10:14 PM |
| 1602 | There should NOT be voucher schools in the state of Wisconsin! | 1/7/2015 10:14 PM |
| 1603 | Fuck you Mandy | 1/7/2015 10:14 PM |
| 1604 | our classes are larger and we have fewer teachers and aids in the classrooms | 1/7/2015 10:13 PM |
| 1605 | Our public schools have been diminished, our teachers demoralized, our future destabilized. It is a sad time for Wisconsin. Thanks for nothing Walker. | 1/7/2015 10:12 PM |
| 1606 | I see valuable programming being cut in our district. I see our referendum being used as a weapon to bully residents into voting for it vs against it. | 1/7/2015 10:11 PM |
| 1607 | No tax $$ to private schools. | 1/7/2015 10:11 PM |
| 1608 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools. Our district is having financial problems and has introduced referenda to help fund the district. | 1/7/2015 10:10 PM |
| 1609 | I do not believe taxpayer money should fund private schools . Cuts to public educatation have created staffing reductions, reductions in programs, failed referendums and increased animosity between the public and public schools. | 1/7/2015 10:09 PM |
| 1610 | THE CONCEPT VIOLATES SEPARATION OF CHURCH & STATE. | 1/7/2015 10:08 PM |
| 1611 | Very bad idea | 1/7/2015 10:06 PM |
| 1612 | i do not want my tax dollars going towards private school / voucher programs. | 1/7/2015 10:03 PM |
| 1613 | this should not be allowed | 1/7/2015 10:02 PM |
| 1614 | Staff has been cut, programs have been cut, music teachers in rural schools are now teaching at several different schools, phy ed programs are cut, quite possibly a local school district will have to go to a referendum. These are just some of the cuts that we are seeing. | 1/7/2015 10:00 PM |
| 1615 | Referendum in the spring, major reduction in special Ed support/meeting children's needs. | 1/7/2015 9:55 PM |
| 1616 | referendum is expected. Same rules should apply to any schools receiving taxpayer money. | 1/7/2015 9:55 PM |

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| 1617 | Our district due to state budget cuts is now trying for a second time to pass a referendum for operating costs. We are a fiscally responsible small school district in a high poverty area that works hard to offer a quality education with a variety of high school course offerings. The budget cuts in the recent years have caused program and staff cuts. | 1/7/2015 9:53 PM |
| 1618 | Close all public schools. | 1/7/2015 9:53 PM |
| 1619 | It seems that charter and religious schools pay a lot more than they get from State funding to educate these students, If they close how would that impact the budget? | 1/7/2015 9:51 PM |
| 1620 | This survey is slanted. Very disappointing. I thought my opinion would mean something. | 1/7/2015 9:50 PM |
| 1621 | The very idea of voucher schools goes agains the philosophy of public education - education for all. If parents choose to send their children to non public schools, then they should pay for this choice. If I want an upgrade in my basic services, I have to pay the difference. The voucher schools are nothing more than a way to dismantle public education so the greedy and powerful can get their hands on the pile of cash taken from WI residents. This is a deceitful practice bought and paid for by politicians who have absolutely no concern for educating students. It's about lining their pockets and kissing the feet of the rich to further their political aspirations. My district is going to be 2 million dollars short - again. We have NO money left in our district. Next year we will have to close an elementary school, end our IB program, end band for 5th and 6th grade students, end jr high sports - and this is a partial list. Teachers have had their pay reduced several times. The heat in our buildings has been lowered to save money. Students wear their winter jackets and I teach wearing gloves. Of course, this is part of the politicians master plan - force districts to close. | 1/7/2015 9:49 PM |
| 1622 | We have absolutely seen reduction of services in our district. Our administration has done an admirable job maintaining quality education while losing funding year after year. With the current funding formula it is only a matter of time before we are on our own. There is no more fat to cut. What will happen to my children's education then? The legislators MUST fix the funding formula and make it fair for ALL districts. Especially schools in the Northwoods where property values are high and incomes are low... | 1/7/2015 9:49 PM |
| 1623 | The current majority legislators need to listen to the Wisconsin Residents, with open meetings/hearings and factual information presented & discussed. They are influenced by BIG money that funded their elections. What is the data on how much $ each legislator received from out of state big donors? | 1/7/2015 9:47 PM |
| 1624 | Thank you. Indeed our school district has had many changes since the state budget cuts. One important thought: I believe that it is critical to use the term "tax-payer funded private schools" so we don't keep reinforcing the term 'voucher' since historically, anything that was a voucher, was a "good" thing and people have a value related to that term. I so very much appreciate your survey and feel it is so critical to get the word out about what these tax payer funded private schools really are. Thank you. Public education truly is the heart of our communities and it provides an equal opportunity for all students. | 1/7/2015 9:46 PM |
| 1625 | Vouchers siphon money away from our public schools and further undermines our public schools effectiveness. Also, no evidence has been given that voucher schools educate students better, and in a number of cases worse than, our public schools. | 1/7/2015 9:45 PM |
| 1626 | No taxpayer money should go to private schools/vouchers. | 1/7/2015 9:43 PM |
| 1627 | Taxpayer money should not be used for funding private schools. Public school districts are suffering greatly due to the state budget cuts that have been made. | 1/7/2015 9:42 PM |
| 1628 | Voucher programs are eroding the public schools. | 1/7/2015 9:42 PM |
| 1629 | Public schools have such an uphill climb and too much of that is from misguided political battles and rhetoric. Public funds for public schools and public school success should be the absolute priority. Private schools have every right to exist and I am glad they do. But they are choosing to be outside the system and thus should be outside the public money too. | 1/7/2015 9:41 PM |
| 1630 | Using taxpayer money to fund private schools is a lose-lose proposition for students already struggling with the achievement gap, as they will still be unable to successfully attend voucher schools and the public schools they are at will be further stripped of financial resources. The concept of spending public money on educational institutions that have no accountability to the public for the use of those funds is irresponsible at a minimum, if not willfully ignorant. Also, I believe that funding religious education with taxpayer money is a violation of the separation of church and state. It seems to me that the only clear winners in the voucher school systems are the private entities lining their pockets with the profits. | 1/7/2015 9:40 PM |
| 1631 | Local school districts need more funding, and are receiving SO MUCH less than they need. Our priorities are all out of place. Districts cannot cope with the budget cuts without cutting necessary programs, like arts/music, as is happening. | 1/7/2015 9:40 PM |
| 1632 | I currently work in a small school district and am a fresh teacher. However, I have noticed that compared to when I was in school, districts have learned to be minimal so as not to disturb their small budget that they receive every year. We should never be afraid to invest in our our progeny and future; it will be the downfall of our society. | 1/7/2015 9:38 PM |

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| 1633 | Money spent on voucher schools seriously hurts public education by robbing needed funds. Private schools are a luxury. Public schools are for everyone.... Unfortunately schools with great needs are underfunded!! Equal opportunity for all through high quality education should be our goal!! | 1/7/2015 9:37 PM |
| 1634 | Why should students in low-income neighborhoods get ripped off their education, so that rich families can have private school costs deducted? Those deductions will not help low-income families. | 1/7/2015 9:37 PM |
| 1635 | my district cut staff after the state budget cuts. Remaining staff teach more students. This allows teachers less time with each student to help them be successful. | 1/7/2015 9:35 PM |
| 1636 | Too many reductions and more to come. | 1/7/2015 9:32 PM |
| 1637 | Tax payer money should not be used to fund private schools period. | 1/7/2015 9:31 PM |
| 1638 | Suffering. Short 1 million for next year budget. | 1/7/2015 9:31 PM |
| 1639 | I don't think that using taxpayer money to fund private schools is necessary or right. I cannot say firsthand how my old school district is coping with recent changes (I am a college student living away from home). | 1/7/2015 9:29 PM |
| 1640 | Racism at it's covered up best. Welcome wississippi | 1/7/2015 9:29 PM |
| 1641 | According to our constitution we need to fund public education, not parochial !! | 1/7/2015 9:27 PM |
| 1642 | I am in favor of vouchers going towards private education for students who are underserved by the current public school system, especially from low-income families: gifted students, students with special needs, students with behavioral problems that make public school a poor option. Tax dollars should never, ever fund private religious education. That is appalling. | 1/7/2015 9:25 PM |
| 1643 | If people want to send their children to a private or religious school they need to pay for them by themselves.! | 1/7/2015 9:24 PM |
| 1644 | Staffing and resources to help teachers. | 1/7/2015 9:24 PM |
| 1645 | No money should go to private schools of any kind from WI taxpayers. The districts in my area are eliminating programs and increasing class size, among many other things, that are harmful to our kids' development. | 1/7/2015 9:23 PM |
| 1646 | I have watched public education get dismantled in Wisconsin to the point that I no longer recognize the place that I was once proud of. | 1/7/2015 9:21 PM |
| 1647 | Staff reduced | 1/7/2015 9:21 PM |
| 1648 | This survey is not accurate on so many counts. I work with DPI and was also educated in public schools. I'm hoping by opening up educational opportunities, people will be be able to critically think better. Shame on the creators of this survey. I have higher expectations for our leaders to not slant information. | 1/7/2015 9:20 PM |
| 1649 | Deep cuts have lead to significantly reduced staff and programs. Students are no longer getting the best education possible because of the lack of funding. | 1/7/2015 9:17 PM |
| 1650 | Reduced staffing, more assessing & less teaching, increased class size, less budget monies to increase student achievement, low school level morale, community disrespect amongst teachers. | 1/7/2015 9:16 PM |
| 1651 | Private schools should be held to the same standards as public schools | 1/7/2015 9:16 PM |
| 1652 | Tax payer money should be used to fund public schools only. Class sizes have increased, fees for classes have increased, teachers are working harder for less pay. | 1/7/2015 9:16 PM |
| 1653 | How about offering a balanced and not a one side survey. Obviously questions can be worded in a way to obtain a desired result and that is evident here. | 1/7/2015 9:15 PM |
| 1654 | My public school has lost good teachers since Act 10. It is sad to see what is happening to public education and how money is being funneled into private schools and they don't need to follow the same rules/guidelines! | 1/7/2015 9:11 PM |
| 1655 | Does it really matter what I think???? | 1/7/2015 9:08 PM |
| 1656 | If MY tax dollars are going to a private school it should follow all of the rules and regulations of a public school. I am also entirely opposed to MY tax dollars going to fund any sort of religious education. In truth, I'd be hard-pressed to find any situation where public funds should be used to further private education. Public funds, public education. Private schools should be paid for privately. | 1/7/2015 9:08 PM |
| 1657 | Yes, local school districts are struggling. Public schools are being funded by referendums. Kids in districts not passing these ballot initiatives will suffer even more. | 1/7/2015 9:06 PM |
| 1658 | No tax money should go to voucher/private or religious schools. | 1/7/2015 9:06 PM |
| 1659 | Hiring freeze, small # of teaching positions have been eliminated, foreign languages reduced, family & consumer ed reduced. | 1/7/2015 9:05 PM |

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| 1660 | Voucher schools need to be held to the same standards as public schools, including opportunities for students and teacher certifications. | 1/7/2015 9:04 PM |
| 1661 | I work at a low income Title I school. We've lost funding over the last number of years to a very NEEDY population of kids. All this money given away to UNACCOUNTABLE voucher schools while the public schools IN NEED are LOSING money is ridiculous. We have strict guidelines to meet testing standards while losing resources to achieve them. Legislators who have NO basis or 'informed opinions' on the matter make harmful decisions to public education. Legislators making these decisions have no idea how this is hurting the most needy of our children and future. | 1/7/2015 9:00 PM |
| 1662 | If someone wants to send their kids to a religious school instead of a free public school that is their choice and I'd consider it a luxury -- they can either afford the luxury themselves or they can forgo it. My tax dollars should not go to my neighbors for their luxuries. Also, this is against our constitution which separates church and state. | 1/7/2015 8:58 PM |
| 1663 | It is a bad idea...simply state it is a way to dismantle public education! | 1/7/2015 8:58 PM |
| 1664 | We can NOT support two school systems! | 1/7/2015 8:57 PM |
| 1665 | Larger class sizes, fewer resources, reduced staffing, etc. | 1/7/2015 8:56 PM |
| 1666 | I think it depends on the specific area in WI. Although I recognize state wide uniformity, a school district such as Wausau is completely different than say the Milwaukee Public Schools. Private schools should be held to the same academic standards as public schools if receiving public funds to operate. Teaching qualifications should follow DPI requirements, education guidelines should mimic public school. As far as their boards and mtgs, their information is made available to their parishes and dioceses and I have no issue with a private school including religious education. Parents/guardians realize that comes with the private school curriculum and are fine with it. | 1/7/2015 8:54 PM |
| 1667 | My tax dollars should not be funding private (and especially religious) educations!!! | 1/7/2015 8:53 PM |
| 1668 | I think taxpayer money should be used to support our public schools and if people want to go to a private school I support that but they need to finance that choice personally. | 1/7/2015 8:52 PM |
| 1669 | The state legislator has made it virtually impossible for public schools to succeed. The public has been manipulated to see public education as a failure and therefore do not support referenda. | 1/7/2015 8:50 PM |
| 1670 | I think taxpayer money should not be used to pay for teachers who are not effective. The bad teachers need to get fired and should not be protected by their stupid union. | 1/7/2015 8:45 PM |
| 1671 | Teacher cuts, large class sizes, eliminate of some arts programs | 1/7/2015 8:45 PM |
| 1672 | Spend my taxes on public education. Fix problem districts. Keep education free and accountable. Support public educators and support staff. | 1/7/2015 8:42 PM |
| 1673 | No taxpayer money should be used for voucher schools. | 1/7/2015 8:41 PM |
| 1674 | Small rural schools will cease to exist if the current budget cuts continue and if we continue to follow the out-of-date school funding formula. | 1/7/2015 8:40 PM |
| 1675 | I have heard on the radio/tv that the restructuring would cut funds from under performing schools and toward these. I don't agree with this. Before they do this, they Need to take on All children with learning disabilities as well. Put parents on notice instead of the teachers. How we are coping... We are constantly seeing voter referendums to help offset what the state won't fund. Before cutting education programs, stop funding athletics. Make that private first. In Canada, sports are not part of public education. | 1/7/2015 8:39 PM |
| 1676 | Public education is suffering greatly. It is getting harder and harder to provide what is needed. | 1/7/2015 8:37 PM |
| 1677 | Private schools are choices parents make and should not be supported by taxpayer money. | 1/7/2015 8:36 PM |
| 1678 | I don't think public money should be give to privat schools especially if they don't follow same rules and guidel as public schools. | 1/7/2015 8:35 PM |
| 1679 | Class sizes have increased. Special programming, library, phy. ed., music, and art classes have all been cut. Teachers are covering recess rather than working with students who need additional instruction time. Materials used to support curriculum have been eliminated. | 1/7/2015 8:35 PM |
| 1680 | I have two children in the public schools. Both schools struggle because so many children are living in poverty and come to school with so many needs. We expect the public schools and the teachers to heal the wounds of poverty. We need more teachers, more resources to help children from a very young age and then every year after that to help them to succeed in school. Poverty is the number one threat to public education. We need to decide as a state to take this problem on. | 1/7/2015 8:33 PM |
| 1681 | We are dealing with larger class sizes due to reduced funding and anticipated decreased funding. | 1/7/2015 8:33 PM |

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| 1682 | I think money should be put towards public education and towards paying our teachers more for all of the work they are required to do outside of school in order for their students to be successful. | 1/7/2015 8:33 PM |
| 1683 | They get their money, 100% funded up front, before public schools get funded. It's rediculous! The state constitution said a free and equal public education is the law-vouchers are undermining this! | 1/7/2015 8:33 PM |
| 1684 | Almost no new students attended area private schools due to vouchers. The money went to student already enrolled. | 1/7/2015 8:32 PM |
| 1685 | Staff reductions, Program cuts, increased workloads, retirement benefit changes | 1/7/2015 8:30 PM |
| 1686 | A referendum for additional school funding for upgrading and repairs for Madison public schools will be on the April ballot as I understand it presently. | 1/7/2015 8:25 PM |
| 1687 | Do you want a private education for your child? That comes with.additional cost to you...not at my expense or that of the children I teach. | 1/7/2015 8:24 PM |
| 1688 | Everybody's tax dollars to to public education, a family that wants to send their child to a private school, or home school, still has to pay for that choice, besides all the taxes for public school. I find our public school are not doing a very good job of education the youth of today. | 1/7/2015 8:22 PM |
| 1689 | Our local schools have been significantly affected, we have seen many great teachers quit because of poor pay and the loss of good benefits. It has been very difficult to find qualified educators graduating, no one wants to become a teacher after 2010 | 1/7/2015 8:22 PM |
| 1690 | The use of public money to a school that doesn't have the accountability a public school does is an abomination of an education system. Funding religious teaching with tax money is unconstitutional. It's a slippery slope that opens up the door for misuse of our money. | 1/7/2015 8:21 PM |
| 1691 | The public schools are hurting financially and consequently threatened with severe program cuts. I have nothing against private schools, but feel they should be held to the same high standards that govern the public schools. | 1/7/2015 8:19 PM |
| 1692 | I strongly feel that if parents choose private education for their child that they should pay for it, not John Q. Public. I am appalled by what state budget cuts have done to our schools. Gov. Walker's breaking of unions is a travesty and insult to our students and educators. | 1/7/2015 8:19 PM |
| 1693 | Tax money should not be used to fund any private school. Tax money should be used from public schools only. | 1/7/2015 8:19 PM |
| 1694 | Reduced staffing, programming, budgets. Going for an operational referendum this spring. | 1/7/2015 8:17 PM |
| 1695 | Our public school has a strong commitment from its teachers, who have repeatedly taken on heavier workloads, longer workdays, more stringent continuing education requirements, much higher expectations and and requirements...all for less pay. I'm truly thankful for their dedication and will do whatever I can to work toward the reform of school funding. | 1/7/2015 8:17 PM |
| 1696 | No taxpayer money should fund private schools. | 1/7/2015 8:17 PM |
| 1697 | Not all children are elligible for the voucher program. It is based on household income. With this cap, it does not the working poor, especially if their income sits around the cut-off line. | 1/7/2015 8:16 PM |
| 1698 | My district is firing/laying off support staff (EAs', bus drivers) and/or reducing EA contracts to less than .5 FTE so that they do not have to pay benefits to these people. | 1/7/2015 8:16 PM |
| 1699 | I have seen reduced full time staffing, the district is hiring part time to avoid paying benefits. If a family wants to send their students to private school, the private schools should be creative to assist parents to pay the tuition. There are some schools that have scholarships. | 1/7/2015 8:15 PM |
| 1700 | Taxpayer money should never go into any private school! It needs to stay in public schools! | 1/7/2015 8:14 PM |
| 1701 | We have received heavy staffing cuts as well as new salary scales | 1/7/2015 8:14 PM |
| 1702 | Cuts in programs that provide for children to grow in areas other than academic pursuits e.g. Music, arts etc. | 1/7/2015 8:14 PM |
| 1703 | The services to special education students has dramatically changed. What was appropriate services five to ten years ago ex . DHH preschooler received 15 hours a week has been reduced to minimal services with higher expectations ex same DHH preschooler receives 3 hours of programming a week This is going to result in a situation where society will end up having to bear the cost of inadequate education in the future. SO SAD! | 1/7/2015 8:09 PM |

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| 1704 | I believe that private education should be an option for parents/children, but not at public expense. WI Public Schools are now under stress due to reduced funding and resulting larger class sizes, fewer enrichment opportunities and less personal help for children. Teachers are carrying heavier loads for less pay and are distressed that the state has tried to balance its budget on the backs of mostly state employees while corporations are given ever greater financial breaks. Just four years ago Wisconsin had one of the best public school systems in the country; now much has been lost that made it so, and the prospects for the future of WI public education is in jeopardy. Wisconsin simply cannot afford to pay for two parallel school systems! Also,know that public schools are where most children learn to understand and cope with the diverse population of their communities - a valuable asset! Our children will be the losers and the progress of the state will suffer as well as we become more segregated, I fear. How and why has good public education at all levels become "the enemy" in Wisconsin? It makes no sense, financially or otherwise. | 1/7/2015 8:08 PM |
| 1705 | The word public in public schools conveys that they are publicly funded and regulated. By that reasoning, private schools should be privately funded. | 1/7/2015 8:08 PM |
| 1706 | Although I have been a public school teacher for 39 years my whole education including college was private schools. I back them too! | 1/7/2015 8:07 PM |
| 1707 | Our district is doing ok but more poverty is seen year after year | 1/7/2015 8:04 PM |
| 1708 | Eliminate all vouchers! Vouchers are a bail out for private schools. | 1/7/2015 8:03 PM |
| 1709 | Costs continue to rise while funding continues to shrink. | 1/7/2015 8:02 PM |
| 1710 | Taxpayer money should not be used for private schools. | 1/7/2015 8:00 PM |
| 1711 | Our constitution does NOT allow taxpayer money to pay for sectarian schools, and should not be going to give tax BREAKS to those who send their children to private schools. | 1/7/2015 7:57 PM |
| 1712 | Eliminate all vouchers. The state should support only one school system - public schools. | 1/7/2015 7:56 PM |
| 1713 | My district suffered along with everyone else. Public money should NOT be used to fund any private school!!! | 1/7/2015 7:54 PM |
| 1714 | The voucher program does nothing to improve the education of the children in WI. | 1/7/2015 7:51 PM |
| 1715 | I've seen staffing cuts and increased class sizes in the school district where I teach (Lake Mills). We used to cap high school classes at 28 and now we routinely see classes of 29 and 30. I don't think tax money should ever go to private schools. | 1/7/2015 7:51 PM |
| 1716 | Schools that receive taxpayer money should be required to follow the same rules as public schools. Recent budget cuts have made it more challenging to provide quality, well-rounded education to all students in Wisconsin. Many teachers are leaving the state or profession because of the decrease in respect and cuts to salaries. | 1/7/2015 7:50 PM |
| 1717 | By diverting funds from public education to fund voucher system, the public school district is hurting. Sad that "divide and conquer" is working. If you want to send your children to private rather than public schools, then pay for it yourself (like my parents did). I support tax payer money to fund one public education system. | 1/7/2015 7:49 PM |
| 1718 | reduce staffing failed referendum | 1/7/2015 7:49 PM |
| 1719 | Public education is a cornerstone of American democracy - let's work to make public schools highly functional instead of siphoning off money for unaccountable private schools. | 1/7/2015 7:48 PM |
| 1720 | Public education is already funded by tax dollars. If parents want their children educated at a private religious school, they should pay for it, not the taxpayer. | 1/7/2015 7:40 PM |
| 1721 | I want my taxes to pay for public education. I do not want funds taken from public education to support a second education system (voucher program). Danger in dummying down the masses and teaching for the corporations. | 1/7/2015 7:34 PM |
| 1722 | I have witnessed reduced staffing and programming due to state budget cuts. While I agree that the state funding formula also needs to be updated, the expansion of vouchers has a definite impact on public school funding. | 1/7/2015 7:32 PM |
| 1723 | NO TAXPAYER MONEY TO FUND PRIVATE SCHOOLS! | 1/7/2015 7:31 PM |
| 1724 | Staff reduction, decrease of available materials, stagnant pay for existing staff | 1/7/2015 7:26 PM |
| 1725 | Our local public school cannot even buy textbooks Classrooms are overloaded | 1/7/2015 7:24 PM |
| 1726 | Our state does not have enough money to fund two separate school systems. It is particularly disturbing that voucher schools are not required to demonstrate the same academic standards as public schools or provide equal access to students with disabilities. | 1/7/2015 7:19 PM |
| 1727 | Taxpayer money should not be used for private schools as it takes needed resources from public schools. | 1/7/2015 7:17 PM |

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| 1728 | I am an public school educator and have felt the cuts in our school district in the last 5-6 years. Classroom budgets, specific building budgets, custodial staff, technology budgets all have been cut and more responsibilities are being put on us teachers. I DO NOT support Governor Walker's idea of giving more money to voucher and charter schools. Who do some of these politicians think they are? | 1/7/2015 7:16 PM |
| 1729 | No to using taxpayer money for private schools but especially no to schools not accountable at all to any rules or open records!!!! | 1/7/2015 7:15 PM |
| 1730 | We need to pass a local referendum. | 1/7/2015 7:08 PM |
| 1731 | bigger class sizes, doing more with less, teachers having to take on more responsibilities | 1/7/2015 7:06 PM |
| 1732 | Parents choose to spend the money to send their kids to private school. Many students in public school can't afford private school. You as a parent make a choice and should have to pay for whichever education you choose for your child. | 1/7/2015 7:01 PM |
| 1733 | Rural schools are hurting the most | 1/7/2015 7:00 PM |
| 1734 | Public school education is the heartbeat of a democracy and must be preserved in WI. STOP THE VOUCHERS. | 1/7/2015 6:53 PM |
| 1735 | If you want your child(ren) to go to a private school then PAY TUITION | 1/7/2015 6:52 PM |
| 1736 | I don't think tax payer money should be used to support vouchers-it should go to public education. | 1/7/2015 6:51 PM |
| 1737 | Public schools are suffering in all areas. | 1/7/2015 6:50 PM |
| 1738 | Reduced staffing, increased workloads for education personnel, larger classes, etc ... all wrong for our students | 1/7/2015 6:44 PM |
| 1739 | In all these years of operation in WI, no real benefits have been shown by voucher schools compared to public schools. This is nothing more than private, for-profit concerns taking public monies for agendas other than actual, factual, and comprehensive education. This was proven last year in Milwaukee when a private concern which had received millions closed it's doors mid-school year and continued its scam in FL. We returned to WI in the late 1980s because of WI's quality education for our children. We can no longer tell other parents to do the same. | 1/7/2015 6:43 PM |
| 1740 | I think that if the government funds private education in any way, that those schools should have to follow all the same policies and procedures as public school. If voutures do continue, there needs to be an income cap. No public school should be converted into a private school based on performance. | 1/7/2015 6:40 PM |
| 1741 | It is harming the ability of public schools to provide services and programs their students need. | 1/7/2015 6:36 PM |
| 1742 | Public school is what students have rights to. The money should go there instead of private schools. | 1/7/2015 6:28 PM |
| 1743 | Reduced staffing, class size increase, severe budget cuts, decreased level of programming for students with disabilities | 1/7/2015 6:25 PM |
| 1744 | This practice suffocates public education. | 1/7/2015 6:24 PM |
| 1745 | Voucher schools are just an ongoing attempt by Republicans to privatize education. | 1/7/2015 6:21 PM |
| 1746 | If parents choose private religious schools tax payer money should not fund that. Taxpayers should also not fund private schools that are not held accountable in the same ways as piblic schools. Budget cuts have effected all school districts; staff and program reduction. Districts are being aaked to do more with less. | 1/7/2015 6:17 PM |
| 1747 | Taxpayer money should only go to public schools. There's a reason these are private schools. Have them raise their own capital. | 1/7/2015 6:17 PM |
| 1748 | higher classroom caps in public schools due to loss of funding. Loss of staff due to budget cuts. Loss of elective classes | 1/7/2015 6:15 PM |
| 1749 | the people at the capitol don't care about my opinion anyway | 1/7/2015 6:12 PM |
| 1750 | Staffing has been reduced, teacher work loads have increased and Hereford decreasing the amount of time a teacher can spend (whether person-to-person or behind-the-scenes) assisting students, and increased class sizes which also impacts the amount of time a teacher can spend per student. | 1/7/2015 6:11 PM |
| 1751 | Our district has seen reductions in staffing and course offerings especially in the arts. For example, our 8th graders only are offered one art class; in past years there were three options (2-D, 3-D, and environmental). | 1/7/2015 6:10 PM |
| 1752 | Class sizes have increased. It's not what's best for kids. | 1/7/2015 6:07 PM |
| 1753 | Private schools should be just that; private and parents who want their children to attend private and/or parochial schools should be paying for that, not taxpayer dollars. The biggest reason for this is because private schools have the authority to deny students the opportunity to enroll into their school; not to mention there is absolutely no accountability for the private schools or their teachers. Many of the teachers do have a college education but are not certified teachers. | 1/7/2015 6:06 PM |

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| 1754 | Taking funds away from the public school system to fund private schools is weakening our ability to provide excellent education to the great majority of our young people. | 1/7/2015 6:04 PM |
| 1755 | Elective offerings around us have been reduced each of the last few years! | 1/7/2015 5:58 PM |
| 1756 | Voucher funded tuition runs contrary to my thinking. Parents are supposed to educate their children. How they choose to do so is up to them. However, if they DO NOT CHOOSE to participate in the free public education option open to all (which, in Wisconsin, is top-notch), then it is THEIR CHOICE to pay for another option. Public money has no place in a private school. Period. | 1/7/2015 5:52 PM |
| 1757 | Why are we funding private schools at all?! Why does my public school budget pay for the local private school bussing? | 1/7/2015 5:51 PM |
| 1758 | reduced staffing, increased class sizes, reduced aides for students with disabilities. School is stretched to breaking point | 1/7/2015 5:51 PM |
| 1759 | It is negatively impacting education for all as guaranteed by the state constitution. | 1/7/2015 5:49 PM |
| 1760 | Students are suffering because of large class sizes, reduced staff, and loss of programs because of budget cuts. I'm very frightened about the type of people that will choose to become educators based on the cuts and lack of support for public education. | 1/7/2015 5:47 PM |
| 1761 | It takes decades to build great schools. Only a few years of short sighted election driven funding mistakes will destroy and have already started to degrade a great public school system. | 1/7/2015 5:47 PM |
| 1762 | I do not believe taxpayer money should fund private schools. There have been many reductions in local districts and what can be offered to their students. This is NOT right. | 1/7/2015 5:44 PM |
| 1763 | Public education was formed to help educate and develop our human capital, labor, in our country. The good quality education should be available to all regardless of ability to pay. With the voucher system, more advantaged students are helped and the lower-income or disabled students are left in the dust. By taking money away from the public school system, the resources available are depleted, disadvantaging those in our society that need the help the most. Not only that, but it hurts the economy as a whole by reducing the skill level of future workers. | 1/7/2015 5:44 PM |
| 1764 | Tax payer money should not be used in a religious setting. Period. | 1/7/2015 5:44 PM |
| 1765 | No to public funding of private schools | 1/7/2015 5:43 PM |
| 1766 | End all vouchers, now! Public education is the best bang for the buck that our taxpayers receive. I have been a part of a dept. that once had 17 teachers for 1775 students. We now have 11 teachers for 1400 students. The cuts in staffing have exceeded the decline in enrollment. We have all tightened our belts in education to the point of having no more leather left. Time to take care of our children. | 1/7/2015 5:36 PM |
| 1767 | Increased special education caseloads. | 1/7/2015 5:36 PM |
| 1768 | It is sectarian and further exacerbates the already unfair school state funding for schools. In addition, taxpayers should not have to pay for schools that are unregulated and do not have to accept all students. | 1/7/2015 5:33 PM |
| 1769 | It is wrong for taxpayers to pay for schools that they use AND schools that are used by others | 1/7/2015 5:24 PM |
| 1770 | There is no data demonstrating that the schools in the current program have produced any better results for the children enrolled than their public counterparts. But, there is evidence that the defunding of public education harms children, parents, and entire communities. Public education is all-inclusive; private education is exclusive. Public education creates opportunity for all; private education limits opportunity to a few. I want my taxes to serve all children and to serve them well. Fund our public schools fully! | 1/7/2015 5:23 PM |
| 1771 | these vouchers are hurting our public schools! If Wisconsin feels we need a voucher system, the voucher schools should be held to the exact standards of our public schools. | 1/7/2015 5:23 PM |
| 1772 | In my 30 years in education I have seen a huge decrease is services and funding. What about at risk students, what about music and the arts. Wisconsin is taking a terrible direction in educating our youth. We will pay for this dearly. Give it a few years and you will see the devastating results, in our prison systems, in our social service system, in our community. But those making g decisions are not in education and have very little contact with t h t he reality of our changing population. This is scary at best. I have e seen my classroom of very at risk high school students increase from 15 (which is recommended max) to 23. This is due to cutbacks in staffing. Please come and see how effective this is. | 1/7/2015 5:22 PM |
| 1773 | Electives like art, French, German and Spanish are being capped or cut back at the secondary level. There is inadequate staffing at elementary schools to cope with the increase of special needs students | 1/7/2015 5:15 PM |
| 1774 | Voucher school funding has hurt our District very much. It is incredible how many cuts are being discussed...NOT good for our youth. | 1/7/2015 5:14 PM |

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| 1775 | Using public dollars for private schools, especially those teaching religious doctrine, goes against the tenants of public education established by our forefathers. The challenges faced by public schools after recent state budget cuts are only just beginning; this will worsen over time and children's education will decline. | 1/7/2015 5:13 PM |
| 1776 | The State has not funded the public schools at the levels they are supposed to, how can the possibly support another system. Our school District struggles every year and with increased vouchers the situation will become even more dire. The public schools in our community are good. If the whole idea of vouchers is to ensure that parents can send there kids to good schools, the point in mute in our community. The State should honor the language and spirit of our Constitution and provide a quality free PUBLIC education to every child in Wisconsin. | 1/7/2015 5:13 PM |
| 1777 | Public schools are provided to everyone. If a person decides to send their child to a private school they should do that at their own cost. Public schools have been taking a hit for the last 10 years and are not the same quality they were because of a lack of funding. You can't keep taking money away and expect to see quality education. | 1/7/2015 5:11 PM |
| 1778 | The special education department in our district has had to make major staffing reductions, while the needs of students is increasing, and the number of students with special needs is increasing. The students are the ones who are suffering as a result. | 1/7/2015 5:11 PM |
| 1779 | I am in favor of working to strengthen the public schools which are one of the most valuable resources for families and communities. | 1/7/2015 5:06 PM |
| 1780 | I do not support taxpayer funding for private schools. I DO support public education and PUBLIC charter schools that give parents a choice. PUBLIC charter schools follow the same educational and staffing requirements, but have flexibility to change their model that meets the needs of their students. | 1/7/2015 4:58 PM |
| 1781 | I don't know when free public education became a bad thing. At one time it's part of what made our country great. It's sad how public education and teachers are attacked by the public and how our leader of this state under values an education. | 1/7/2015 4:54 PM |
| 1782 | State Budget cuts to our public schools are harming the futures of our children, communities, and community members. | 1/7/2015 4:52 PM |
| 1783 | Thank you, excellent work! Mandy Wright | 1/7/2015 4:45 PM |
| 1784 | Our district has suffered by reduced spending in our schools. I've seen many positions cut or reduced and we've had numerous referendums. | 1/7/2015 4:42 PM |
| 1785 | The voucher program has been a failure for more than 20 years in Milwaukee. Public dollars should not fund private entities. The public should control any schools funded by public dollars. | 1/7/2015 4:37 PM |
| 1786 | Tax payer $$ should NOT be used. Have seen reduced staffing & class offerings! :( | 1/7/2015 4:36 PM |
| 1787 | FAPE - Free and Appropriate Public Education We have seen reduced programming, staffing, and have seen the need for asn operational referendum. | 1/7/2015 4:31 PM |
| 1788 | Our district had to pass a referendum to maintain existing programs. Voucher money given to private schools is killing public education. | 1/7/2015 4:24 PM |
| 1789 | Wisconsin has gone from a highly-ranked public education state to a laughingstock nationally. I taught for 41 years and all of these changes are contrary to the successes of the past. | 1/7/2015 4:20 PM |
| 1790 | Vouchers are a disaster. | 1/7/2015 4:19 PM |
| 1791 | 1) I do not want my tax dollars to support religious education or private schools that have no accountability to taxpayers. | 1/7/2015 4:18 PM |
| 1792 | Reduced everything especially teacher morale in public schools. | 1/7/2015 4:14 PM |
| 1793 | horrible, mmsd is made of garbage | 1/7/2015 4:13 PM |
| 1794 | Our district recently completed a budget prediction for the 2015-2016 school year. We will need an increase of at least $200/student to keep up with the CPI. Costs for everything have been rising. We have been told that public schools will only see additional funds after funds have been allocated for other projects, including vouchers. I believe this is a deliberate action to starve public schools and pass laws that open the door to privatization. This is not about kids or families; this is a brazen attempt to sell our treasured equalizer,public schools, to greedy private interests. | 1/7/2015 4:12 PM |
| 1795 | We have no school for highly advanced learners/TAG students here in Madison. I would strongly support a public charter school or magnet school for this. Short of having such a school, I would support vouchers so that such students can get the education they need. | 1/7/2015 4:04 PM |
| 1796 | Our local public school district is rural and struggling with declining enrollment. Budget cuts have been catastrophic to the district, and detrimental to the education of our children. The fact that most of the families receiving vouchers were already paying for it themselves is ridiculous and appalling. This needs to END. | 1/7/2015 4:03 PM |

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| 1797 | Public schools should be the priority for tax dollars, especially small schools that have been extremely negatively impacted by cuts. School Boards should be held accountable for proper use of dollars in classrooms & not allowed to spend dollars on high administration salaries and expanding administration positions. | 1/7/2015 3:59 PM |
| 1798 | The citizens of this state cannot afford to fund two different educational systems. Vouchers should be eliminated. | 1/7/2015 3:52 PM |
| 1799 | If parents want to send their children to private schools they should pay for it themselves. There are more needy students in the state going to public schools who could benefit from increased funding to the public school systems. | 1/7/2015 3:52 PM |
| 1800 | Vouchers have to go. Period!! | 1/7/2015 3:49 PM |
| 1801 | Rural schools are struggling and children are suffering due to cuts in public education. Morale of educators is at an all time low, we are losing good teachers to other states, and to other occupations. | 1/7/2015 3:48 PM |
| 1802 | Our district is considering a referendum. | 1/7/2015 3:47 PM |
| 1803 | No taxpayer money should go towards funding private schools. That txpayer money should go towards public schools for public education. | 1/7/2015 3:44 PM |
| 1804 | I continue to be appalled at even a hint of voucher expansion. In NE Wisconsin the people voted against it. Yet our legislators ignore us and continue this race to privatized while taking money from the public schools. Our state has had an excellent public school system. Let's fund it first and to the max. Private must remain private and a choice made by individual parents who pay for that choice. | 1/7/2015 3:36 PM |
| 1805 | Private schools should be just that....private; therefore not funded by anything other than private monies. When they become state funded (by voucher systems) they are no longer private. Public schools are facing drastic cuts to maintain even basic programming at the expense of the private schools being funded. | 1/7/2015 3:32 PM |
| 1806 | Small rural public schools with declining enrollment get penalized due to the current funding formula. | 1/7/2015 3:30 PM |
| 1807 | I believe in public education. I believe any school using taxpayers dollars should all be held to the same standards and requirement. The only losers in spreading funding to public schools are those children that remain in challenging districts. They will continue to lose money with no options, in reality, to choose where they go to school. | 1/7/2015 3:29 PM |
| 1808 | We have seen a dramatic increase in class sizes, which makes it nearly impossible for teachers to give students the individualized attention that is demanded of them. | 1/7/2015 3:26 PM |
| 1809 | We have one of the best education systems in America. It's one of the reason we moved back here. We do NOT need to cut public education programs for private schools. We need to support public schools!!!! | 1/7/2015 3:25 PM |
| 1810 | Yes | 1/7/2015 3:24 PM |
| 1811 | Public schools have been hurt tremendously by the budget cuts to public educ. Public taxpayer money should only be used for public education of students. | 1/7/2015 3:18 PM |
| 1812 | I have been a teacher for 15 years and love teaching. I just left a full time teaching job in our public school system because I taught 10 and 11 classes a day, with multiple classes at the same time. All students deserve a chance to succeed! | 1/7/2015 3:16 PM |
| 1813 | Public schools are required to educate all students, not just the ones that behave/perform at an appropriate level. As a result when a student presents a challenge at the voucher school they are frequently sent back to the public schools. Thus the public schools bear the financial responsibility of educating the most expensive students while the voucher schools may avoid educating any student that costs more than the average student. | 1/7/2015 3:14 PM |
| 1814 | This policy is a travesty. It is destroying public education in Wisconsin, a public education system that has for years been the envy of many states and has done a wonderful job of educating ALL students. Losing our strong public schools will destroy the middle class, and ultimately destroy our state. | 1/7/2015 3:05 PM |
| 1815 | Tax dollars for private schools is wrong wrong wrong! | 1/7/2015 3:02 PM |
| 1816 | It is absolutely WRONG!!!! | 1/7/2015 3:01 PM |

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| 1817 | Taxpayer money should not be going to private schools. Our first priority should be fully funding and supporting our public schools to be best in class, which we are no longer doing. I do not believe most Wisconsinites would support the idea of paying even MORE for what would certainly be a costlier system including private schools... I think too many believe the cost would be the same or less... they don't seem so understand how it would play out... too many are uninformed or misinformed, not realizing how funding a private system, on top or our public system, would eventually drive up costs, lead to far greater differences in educational quality/funding, and an overall drastic decline in the quality of education being provided to most Wisconsin kids. We've seen it again and again, when private entities are given taxpayer funds to provide a public good, the public good is no longer the priority, the priority is profit and/or the interests of private stakeholders... For starters, by fragmenting our education system to include private entities, we lose the advantages of economies of scale (e.g. of course it costs more to fund several school buildings/staff/resources than to support one public school in a town). Private entities know how to look out for themselves and play the game, to amass the most resources for themselves... it's their job to look out for themselves... they'll pick the students they want, lobby for political advantages, etc.. And if Wisconsin loses our strong public schools, you can kiss goodbye one of our biggest economic/business advantages, and life as we know it in many of our communities... horribly short sighted. | 1/7/2015 2:58 PM |
| 1818 | The budget cuts to public education have had an adverse effect on our school district. Class sizes have gotten bigger and staff has been cut. | 1/7/2015 2:58 PM |
| 1819 | The obsession with privatization must stop, Education, especially in Wisconsin has been, note, been, great. Mississippi here we come. | 1/7/2015 2:55 PM |
| 1820 | Public funding should be limited to public schools. | 1/7/2015 2:47 PM |
| 1821 | We have seen cuts in funding for programs that have been established for year particularly in the areas of art, music and physical education. | 1/7/2015 2:40 PM |
| 1822 | Yes less staff, more students per class, less support and lower pay for public school teacher. Makes the job very tough day in and day out. | 1/7/2015 2:30 PM |
| 1823 | If you choose a private school expect to pay their tuition costs. Tax payers should not be funding private or voucher schools. | 1/7/2015 2:27 PM |
| 1824 | I think tax payer money should fund only public schools. Money currently spend on the vouchers should be re-directed to public schools. | 1/7/2015 2:27 PM |
| 1825 | Vouchers are the newest way to resegregate our schools. They are a reverse-robin hood. | 1/7/2015 2:26 PM |
| 1826 | If parents want their child's education funded by the state they should send their children to a public school. Every dollar directed to voucher schools defeats the purpose of a free and equal public education. | 1/7/2015 2:24 PM |
| 1827 | I see all employees struggling with all the budget cuts, especially to small rural schools. Employees are expected to do a sum of many jobs with in the school just to keep the doors open and the school running smoothly. These educators, administration, kitchen staff, bus drivers cleaning staff are running ragged trying to do all they can to help the school running. It is sad to see the cuts as they continue to hurt our children!! | 1/7/2015 2:23 PM |
| 1828 | public dollars for public schools. | 1/7/2015 2:23 PM |
| 1829 | Our school district has already had to make many cuts and has to rely on continually passing operations referenda. Our community and state value public education and want to continue funding it fully. | 1/7/2015 2:15 PM |
| 1830 | I think it is a moral horror to privatize education for any number of ethical issues. Staffing and programming in my district has been gutted due to Act 10. Thanks, Gov! | 1/7/2015 2:14 PM |
| 1831 | I am against vouchers. They help only to subsidize families who are already in Private schools and able to pay for them while further hurting the families and kids in public schools that need it the most. With no accountability to the tax payer. I am totally against expanding vouchers at all. | 1/7/2015 2:13 PM |
| 1832 | Tax funding should go only to public schools. | 1/7/2015 2:11 PM |
| 1833 | Taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools. I work with 25 school districts in the southwest corner of the state. For at least the last 14 years, I have seen reduced programs, reduced staff, and reduced services to students. This is not the Wisconsin I want to live in. Changes are necessary to once again place public education as a priority in Wisconsin | 1/7/2015 2:01 PM |
| 1834 | Fix the problems with open enrollment before expanding vouchers. | 1/7/2015 1:56 PM |
| 1835 | We are fortunate to be increasing in enrollment and thus are not as drastically affected as others. | 1/7/2015 1:55 PM |
| 1836 | I think the voucher program is junk. I feel that it is bullshit that the state is passing the buck and making teachers pay for it. | 1/7/2015 1:52 PM |

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| 1837 | Funding private schools with taxpayer money robs public schools of much needed resources. If people believe in private schools, let them fundraise or write grants. | 1/7/2015 1:49 PM |
| 1838 | Our district is mulling over a referendum in order to prop up funding for the district because it knows it will not get enough (or its fair share) from the state. This is so even though the district is likely to be penalized by a funding formula that seeks to keep tax dollars spent on education at the lowest possible level, as if money spent educating our children in public schools is a bad thing. | 1/7/2015 1:48 PM |
| 1839 | Public education in WI is headed the way of the dinosaur, not as a big bang but a slow death by starvation! It is very sad. School districts are suffering more and more each year! | 1/7/2015 1:42 PM |
| 1840 | Taxpayer money should be for public schools only for grades 4k - 12. | 1/7/2015 1:42 PM |
| 1841 | This is part of the dumbing down of Wisconsin - while the governor talks big about growing jobs, the only jobs that will grow with an undereducated population are low wage service jobs. | 1/7/2015 1:42 PM |
| 1842 | Teachers and other staff have been cut, resulting in larger class sizes ( up to 30 students even in kindergarten!) and reduction in special services. If you want to provide better education for all, reinvest diverted funds in public schools. Wisconsin public schools used to provide excellent education. | 1/7/2015 1:40 PM |
| 1843 | Definite impact on students... higher class sizes.... reduction in programs / staffing... teachers needing more donations to cover things like kleenex and supplies, outdated curriculum... referendum | 1/7/2015 1:39 PM |
| 1844 | Our district is facing reduced staffing, fewer benefits for employees and additional fees for students. | 1/7/2015 1:38 PM |
| 1845 | If the public schools did a good job with education then we wouldn't be having this discussion. People pull their children out of private school for various reasons - I and my children grew up in schools where we were not free to talk about religion or personal issues like virginity without being ridiculed. That includes teachers that are bias and able to get their opinion out but not the students. If things were fair, if students actually got a good education instead of teachers spending time putting fires out and dealing with behavior - then there wouldn't be a need for private or home school situations. I have a grandson that would be eaten alive in public schools that is successful because he is not in one. No amount of money that you can throw at the school could protect him from the ridicule and abuse that he would get. Kids bully other kids behind their teachers and the other adults backs. You can't take back something mean or abusive with a "sorry". Without options some children just wouldn't survive or thrive. | 1/7/2015 1:37 PM |
| 1846 | There have been cuts in staff & programs. Some full-time positions have been reduced to part-time and staff are encouraged to apply for any grant monies for which the District might be eligible. Field trips have been eliminated. | 1/7/2015 1:36 PM |
| 1847 | The loss of funding has resulted in a reduction of staff and increasing demands on our teachers and administration. Our best teachers are leaving the profession because they can no longer meet the needs of their students while keeping up with added demands and lack of funding. | 1/7/2015 1:35 PM |
| 1848 | The premise of this question is factually inaccurate. | 1/7/2015 1:35 PM |
| 1849 | We used to be completely in favor of vouchers for any use, no income limit. VERY supportive. But then we saw first-hand what abuses could result. Our student's needs were sacrificed to the biggest opportunity for profit at a virtual school-- under the aegis of an actual WI school district-- that had curriculum provided by a major national for-profit vendor. It was awful, and very poorly run. We were enthusiastic about the virtual school at first... and couldn't wait to extricate our student by the end of the year. Never again. Profit has no place in childhood education. (Although teachers should be paid better.) | 1/7/2015 1:31 PM |
| 1850 | Voucher schools in Milwaukee are putting the rest of schools in Milwaukee in a position that makes them ripe for a state takeover. It's easy for the vouchers to look good when they get to choose their students and hide data. | 1/7/2015 1:28 PM |
| 1851 | There are no private schools in my community, so the amount of vouchers for our students would be very small and the reduction for our district disproportionate. We pay, but get no benefit. | 1/7/2015 1:27 PM |
| 1852 | We have seen staff cuts in our district, and we will have to pass a referendum to update our schools and make them ADA compliant. | 1/7/2015 1:20 PM |
| 1853 | There has been a huge reduction in school staff, most notably with the children with disabilities; our school lost 5 aids, so the staff is extremely overworked for little pay. | 1/7/2015 1:19 PM |
| 1854 | Taxes went up and teacher morale down. | 1/7/2015 1:18 PM |
| 1855 | We can't afford to fund two education systems. Stop funding private schools with tax money. | 1/7/2015 1:12 PM |
| 1856 | Parents have the option to open enroll their children in nearby public schools for "free" or pay the tuition to have their child attend a private school. Local taxes are no longer the main source of funding for public schools anyhow. Instead of vouchers, allow parents choosing to send children to private schools to deduct a portion of that tuition from state taxes. | 1/7/2015 1:08 PM |

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| 1857 | Not in my suburban madison districts as we continue to grow, but track the # of referendums run by districts across the state, esp. small, rural to simply increase operating budgets, just to stay viable. | 1/7/2015 1:06 PM |
| 1858 | Taxpayer money should NOT be used to fund private schools. If parents want to send their children to private / parochial schools, they should assume financial responsibility for their choice. I am strongly opposed to the reduction of funding for public education, and I would be glad to pay a higher property tax to help build programs in foreign languages and the arts. | 1/7/2015 1:05 PM |
| 1859 | i think public schools are struggling and we need to help them. All students, regardless of their financial status, should have access to a quality education. | 1/7/2015 12:59 PM |
| 1860 | Private schooling is OK as long as they are privately funded. This system in effect is totally wrong and does adversely affect public schooling which is the predominate school system in Wis | 1/7/2015 12:50 PM |
| 1861 | Our school is in a small rural ares. If taxpayer money keeps dwindling, we may have to close our school. This is absolutely unfair. | 1/7/2015 12:42 PM |
| 1862 | No religious curriculum should be taught in any taxpayer funded school. If people want their children to receive religious instruction, then they can pay for it themselves. Taxpayer money should only be used for public schools PERIOD! | 1/7/2015 12:37 PM |
| 1863 | Voucher schools area the first step to privatizing public schools for profit. This should not be allowed to happen. Fund public schools. Parents have also had the option of private schools. They just need to pay. | 1/7/2015 12:37 PM |
| 1864 | I object to using taxpayer money to fund private schools. I think our public schools suffer for this diversion of funds and as a business person, I think it goes against Wisconsin's best interests to undermine its public schools - all citizens should receive the best education possible to enable them to be good citizens (and, from a business perspective, good customers and employees). | 1/7/2015 12:36 PM |
| 1865 | Public money should be used for publuc schools... separation of state and church. No tax funding should be for vouchers as they are today. Those that can afford private schools have the right to attend on their finances. The rich have taken the vouchers away from those it was designed for.... low income. Keep the money in public schools. Wi has been known for providing the publuc with exceptional education in the public schools. | 1/7/2015 12:16 PM |
| 1866 | It's bullshit! | 1/7/2015 12:11 PM |
| 1867 | reduced staffing reduced programming low teacher morale intro. of referenda | 1/7/2015 12:10 PM |
| 1868 | I have seen multiple times where reduced staffing is happening. | 1/7/2015 12:08 PM |
| 1869 | public schools=public dollars Private schools=provTely funded | 1/7/2015 12:08 PM |
| 1870 | I don't understand the desire to create and fund two systems who "compete" with each other but with different rules. | 1/7/2015 12:06 PM |
| 1871 | Because we are a growing district we have not felt the effect as much as other districts. Moral and stress of our teachers is a problem with new testing, Ed effectiveness, common core. Much more paper work, non-student hoops with less time to teach. | 1/7/2015 12:05 PM |
| 1872 | no money for private schools should come from taxpayers | 1/7/2015 11:54 AM |
| 1873 | vouchers are unconstitutional. | 1/7/2015 11:54 AM |
| 1874 | Misuse of funds-plain and simple. | 1/7/2015 11:54 AM |
| 1875 | Disgusting sneak around the separation of church and state. | 1/7/2015 11:47 AM |
| 1876 | Voucher schools have been a failed experiment in Wisconsin: there is a legislative shame regarding them that requires they be exempted from direct comparability to public peers; due to the take-up of expansion vouchers being primarily by those families with children already attending such schools, cost far more taxpayer money than places in public schools. | 1/7/2015 11:46 AM |
| 1877 | We have experienced cuts in staff, services, and funding in our public schools as a result of the voucher program. Our tax dollars are for PUBLIC schools, plain and simple. | 1/7/2015 11:38 AM |
| 1878 | Our public schools are suffering. In the district my husband teaches at: They are having to go to community referendum to add basic accessibility things like elevators to schools with multiple stories who don't have them at all. And these are PUBLIC schools. The state government should be funding ADA mandated accessibility requirements. In addition, at his school, his classroom doesn't even have adequate heat (it is 52 degrees in his room in January) in a space that serves over 150 students throughout the day. But he is not allowed to complain to the administration because any monies available are being used for more "immediate needs". In my district where I teach, our district is going to PUBLIC REFERENDUM to fund teacher salaries. This is a joke. What happens when it doesn't pass? | 1/7/2015 11:37 AM |

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| 1879 | If taxpayer money is being used for these vouchers for private schools, they should be obligated to have the same education for all students including those with special needs. My daughter try to get my granddaughter who has down syndrome, into a local private school and they felt that they could not help her in anyway because of staffing. They had no one who could teach her or help her learn which is her right under state and federal law. If my money is going towards these schools, my granddaughter should be provided the education she deserves at this facility. No questions asked it is a must! Personally have no problem with religious education being a part of the schools but I feel the basis of the actual education, math reading etc., need to be taught and available to everyone regardless of race, ability, special needs, Gifted and talented, etc. You should not save taxpayers dollars if you are giving taxpayers a sub par education. | 1/7/2015 11:37 AM |
| 1880 | The problem with vouchers is the problem of lifeboats on the Titanic -- you may rescue a few, but you leave most behind on a sinking ship. The money should be spent to keep the ship seaworthy for everyone aboard. Furthermore, the only people able to take advantage of vouchers are those with enough money and interest to "top them up" to the full cost of private schooling. The neediest children, whose parents lack the money or interest to close that gap, are shut out and left behind in a system which now has less money to operate. | 1/7/2015 11:34 AM |
| 1881 | Reductions in staffing and programming, introduction of referenda. | 1/7/2015 11:32 AM |
| 1882 | It is unfair and absurd. I work primarily under public tax dollars (state employee, grant funded), and there are always strings attached once public funding is part of the equation. This is necessary to be sure that public money is spent in the interest of the public, not a select few. I don't know why education should be any different. | 1/7/2015 11:29 AM |
| 1883 | Tax payer money should not be used for privaate schools! | 1/7/2015 11:24 AM |
| 1884 | The many suffer for the benefit of the few. | 1/7/2015 11:21 AM |
| 1885 | I've always supported as much funding as possible for public schools and making all schools accountable to the same standards. | 1/7/2015 11:15 AM |
| 1886 | i believe in the separation of church and state - I believe in a free public education for all. I do not think taxpayers should pay for a private education - that is the choice of the parent. I have watched my High School Alma Mater struggle and face possible closure due to cuts. It is a small school in Northern WI and has a successful graduation rate. The Alumni does what it can to help, but funds are drying up. No one seems to give a dam about the small town schools. This is a dirty shame. | 1/7/2015 11:04 AM |
| 1887 | Our public school system is strained and will continue to be until we reverse this policy of funding private schools. | 1/7/2015 11:04 AM |
| 1888 | I am all for students' freedom to go to any public school to which they can get transportation. | 1/7/2015 11:02 AM |
| 1889 | To be honest I'm not quite sure. | 1/7/2015 10:59 AM |
| 1890 | I have seen first-hand how this is negatively affecting public schools! They are struggling to just operate, let alone offer additional programs for students and teachers. Staffing has been reduced to minimal requirements and expectations of teachers has increased greatly, without additional pay. Small schools are being ignored and forgotten!!! | 1/7/2015 10:56 AM |
| 1891 | I don't believe any public funds should go to private/parochial schools. If they do, they should follow all guidelines, rules, regulations that public schools must follow. | 1/7/2015 10:52 AM |
| 1892 | Our school district is definitely struggling with budget. In my school, our support staff has been drastically reduced. We have a very hard time meeting the needs of our students because of the lack of support. The needs of students in our school are growing and we aren't able to give them the needed support. | 1/7/2015 10:51 AM |
| 1893 | Taxpayer money should NOT be used to find private schools! | 1/7/2015 10:48 AM |
| 1894 | Wisconsin teachers continue to do the best they can with what they have, but it can't continue forever. More funding must go back to public education for ALL students in Wisconsin. | 1/7/2015 10:41 AM |
| 1895 | Reduction of staff and programs offered | 1/7/2015 10:35 AM |
| 1896 | Our public schools are struggling. Curriculum is being cut. Students are losing time with teachers. This must stop. The WI Constitution requires that this stop. | 1/7/2015 10:32 AM |
| 1897 | Private schools should not have access to public money, period. To describe budget cuts as "recent" is not accurate - the cuts have been occurring for 20 years. I have seen loss of programming in pupil services, massive staff turnover, reduction in elective course offerings, shared service contracts for staff., | 1/7/2015 10:31 AM |
| 1898 | We've seen reduced staffing, increase teacher/student ratios, declining teacher moral, reduced program offerings, and work rules that are one sided toward more harsh working condition for public employees as school. | 1/7/2015 10:30 AM |

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| 1899 | I feel that voucher schools can provide options for creative and alternative approaches to education, however, I feel the role of them should be to supplement the host district and to provide "Laboratories" to experiment with different ways of educating students to help improve the school district NOT TO WEAKEN IT BY DRAINING STUDENTS AND PRECIOUS RESOURCES!!! I also completely OPPOSE special needs vouchers! Before the state move to this option they need to utilize Open-enrollment fairly for these students and if vouchers are used, approval should be on a case by case basis and the vouchers school MUST follow all requirements currently imposed on public schools. Moving to a voucher system for students with special needs is irresponsible and wrong especially since open enrollment hasn't been used yet. It also irreparably weakens the special education programs within the school districts by removing funds that are already stretched too thin. Because school districts provide special ed services they employ staff that is qualified to provide the services needed to these students. Currently, voucher schools would not be required to do so. They also are not required to follow rules regarding student's IEP. Adding special needs vouchers to the state education plan is just irresponsible and wrong at this time! Open the doors to these students and families to utilize open enrollment first. | 1/7/2015 10:27 AM |
| 1900 | I have heard about the education system in Wisconsin. And if the vouchers continue, public schools will close & there will not be any organization or correlation between voucher & privateschools. | 1/7/2015 10:27 AM |
| 1901 | Our public school is trying to do more with less and it's not right. The way public education is funded is messed up thanks to Scott Walker! | 1/7/2015 10:26 AM |
| 1902 | Taxpayer money should NEVER be used to fund these private schools - EVER. Our public schools suffer with shortages in their budgets every year because of this. Our district is constantly having to put referendas on the ballots to raise money for simple repairs and upkeep. Programs have to be cut, and parents are being charged for their children to even join a sports team. These sports programs are very important for children, especially at the high school level. Poor families can't afford to give their children the privilege of playing a sport they love. PLEASE use our taxpayer money for our public schools. Our district seems to have a negative budget every year because there's not enough money. Our children suffer because of it! | 1/7/2015 10:24 AM |
| 1903 | Music and Language Programs have been cut at the elementary levels--staffing has decreased at the cost of a better education for public school students! | 1/7/2015 10:17 AM |
| 1904 | Staffing reductions in library services, increased teacher workload, larger class sizes | 1/7/2015 10:16 AM |
| 1905 | It needs to stop. Rural Districts have been financially suffering for years, this group wants to destroy public school. | 1/7/2015 10:15 AM |
| 1906 | Wisconsin needs to support PUBLIC schools only with public tax dollars to create the best and strongest public school system practicable. Private schools should rely on private funds. Private schools should get state tax-free status if non-profit but be required to meet minimum state and federal standards. If room is available, public schools should permit private school students at-cost paid access to public school programs. Public and private school should not compete in non-academic extra-curricular activities such as sports. Families of private school students shall pay for tests to re-admit them into the correct level of public school instruction. | 1/7/2015 10:14 AM |
| 1907 | Public schools are increasingly stretched too thin. As a special education teacher many of our students are not getting their needs met because of funding issues. Voucher schools widen the gap between social classes and allow their schools to operate without any supervision, which makes them lax and unaccountable. Furthermore, they are not mandated to work appropriately with special education students. | 1/7/2015 10:14 AM |
| 1908 | Taxpayer money should not fund private schools. We can't afford two separate school systems no matter what rules you make private schools follow. I taught in a school for 36 years and reductions are the norm in small rural schools. Be wary of how statements about schools are worded. For instance, "We haven't cut any programs in our middle school". This statement doesn't tell you that some teachers now cover both middle and high school and student class time is cut by half. I do not remember a year that my school did not have to cut something to make up for lack of money. The funding formula is broken and cripples many public schools. Private investors have had theirs eyes on public school money for a long time and have been finding ways to starve public schools since Thompson. | 1/7/2015 10:12 AM |
| 1909 | The formula is simple - if public money is used, the same mandates/requirements should be in place. | 1/7/2015 10:12 AM |
| 1910 | taxpayer money should not be used to fund private schools...private is just that private. | 1/7/2015 10:11 AM |
| 1911 | It cannot continue to happen. | 1/7/2015 10:08 AM |
| 1912 | no pay scale or ability to increase wages for staff raises are based on base pay not years worked or increased education opportunities evaluations are tied to test results with possible termination as result I am opposed to taxpayer money funding any religious private schools | 1/7/2015 10:06 AM |
| 1913 | I SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY TAXES that fund either private or voucher schools. All of my siblings and I attended Catholic elementary school when our parents were in a very low income bracket. They did not expect nor wish for Government Assistance for this purpose or for any other purpose. In addition, I have seen staff reductions at our local school district since Governor Walker has been in office. They are coping the best they can, but with increasing difficulty. | 1/7/2015 10:00 AM |

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| 1914 | I do not want my tax payer money going to fund voucher schools. The public school system is being hurt considerably to the detriment of the students. | 1/7/2015 9:55 AM |
| 1915 | As a special education graduate, it is doubtful I would have attained employment or become a tax paying citizen, were I educated on the voucher program, as it stands today. I hope you agree. | 1/7/2015 9:47 AM |
| 1916 | My school has reduced staff. If a teacher retires, they don't hire anyone to take their place. Instead the class sizes just get larger. They have fired highest paid teachers even if they are good and making an impact on the students. Good teachers are leaving the district for other states or changing professions. They have cut some programs like foreign language, and the arts. | 1/7/2015 9:46 AM |
| 1917 | We have less money for the gifted programs | 1/7/2015 9:45 AM |
| 1918 | Our private voucher school is religious so I do not feel that taxpayer money should pay for that. It's a choice parents make so they should pay the cost. | 1/7/2015 9:40 AM |
| 1919 | I have personally witnessed the erosion of an excellent public school system (West Bend WI) into a system that is run by tea party principles and from which quality teachers and students are fleeing. Governor Walker and the GOP and their reign have been very injurious to public schools statewide. | 1/7/2015 9:39 AM |
| 1920 | Tax payer money SHOULD never go unaccounted for. Our PUBLIC school has seen an increase in testing, time taken from the classroom for assessments and a decrease in ARTS, PE., MUSIC and more... everything that makes life beautiful is being stripped from our children. It is sickening. | 1/7/2015 9:34 AM |
| 1921 | Private schools should only provide vouchers to low-income families, if at all. If private schools wish to receive public funding, they must abide to the laws and regulations every public school must abide by. In the case of public schools, the small, rural school I attend has faced cuts which resulted in teachers being non renewed or retiring early. There is also a very unfriendly climate toward teachers and low overall morale. | 1/7/2015 9:28 AM |
| 1922 | Staffing cuts have been made, benefits which attract and retain quality teachers have been significantly changed, referenda have been passed to help fund the district. | 1/7/2015 9:27 AM |
| 1923 | Our local districts are suffering. Common taxpayers can't afford to support private schools. We need help. Try lessening the property taxes and increasing the sales tax buy a percent to fund public education. That way everyone pays their fair share. | 1/7/2015 9:08 AM |
| 1924 | Wisconsin needs to honor its constitutional obligation to adequately and fairly fund public schools and to not be using any taxpayer money to fund any private business, including schools. Gimmicks such as increased testing and "Educator Effectiveness" are simply methods to divert tax dollars away from actual teaching. | 1/7/2015 9:05 AM |
| 1925 | private schools should be paid for by those that chose to have their children attend and NOT be funded with taxpayer money. | 1/7/2015 9:05 AM |
| 1926 | Private schools should not receive public taxpayer funds. Anyone wanting their child to go to a private school should pay 100% of this cost. | 1/7/2015 9:05 AM |
| 1927 | Staff has reduced, loss of many long time teachers, | 1/7/2015 9:04 AM |
| 1928 | This violates the division of church and state. Taxpayer dollars are being used to send students to sub-standard schools. | 1/7/2015 9:04 AM |
| 1929 | - reduced staffing - school referendum to repair facilities and provide adequate technology | 1/7/2015 9:02 AM |
| 1930 | Public and private should all be the same. No wonder we have financial problems in the state of Wisconsin. | 1/7/2015 8:52 AM |
| 1931 | I want our public schools to have more funding and be better and for the teachers to be paid more and have the help they need, to help our children succeed in every way possible! And to have art/gym/recess classes. | 1/7/2015 8:50 AM |
| 1932 | Wish we could have used the taxpayer money to fund private school when my kids were in school. They have a smaller classes and more one on one with the students. Also, wearing uniforms is much cheaper then buying clothes all the time. With the number of kids in the classrooms in the public schools, many of these kids will fall through the cracks. | 1/7/2015 8:50 AM |
| 1933 | Tax payer funds should never be spent on private schools. Period. | 1/7/2015 8:45 AM |
| 1934 | I see more demands placed on public school systems without staff or funding to support these demands. | 1/7/2015 8:41 AM |
| 1935 | Reduced staff, early retirements of our most dedicated beloved staff, drain of institutional knowledge; our taxes are already high, yet our district DID approve a referendum to help with building improvements, updates to IT needs, improve safety at our local rural community schools. I strongly believe tax dollars should not support tuition at religious schools period. I believe in the separation of church and state and not in fundamental indoctrination of religious values be they Lutheran, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim or Hindu. That said, I wish your survey had a "hell no" response as it might better reach the mindset of the controlling party. | 1/7/2015 8:31 AM |

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| 1936 | Not only have there been increased cuts, there has been a huge increase in demand of public schools. This makes teaching impossible. Special education caseloads have increased to "not special" sizes, and the paperwork has ballooned. Kids suffer because of this. | 1/7/2015 8:30 AM |
| 1937 | I think that using public money to fund private schools is wrong. I saw many programs in my high school (Chippewa Falls Senior High School) face struggles with funding or be eliminated, especially programs that offer students a broader education to explore skills that are otherwise not taught. If tax-payer money is to be used to fund private schools, it needs to have a system that allows equal access for ALL people to attend these schools, including minorities of race, income and disabilities, not just the students whose parents can afford to send them to these schools and then on top of this receive monetary assistance from the state. | 1/7/2015 8:27 AM |
| 1938 | Programs are being cut, class sizes are going up, staffing is being reduced..... We, as taxpayers, should not be funding two completely different school systems. If someone chooses to send their chil(dren) to a private school, they can afford to pay for it. Public schools aren't broken. Our Governor is trying to privatize all schools and make free public schools a thing of the past. | 1/7/2015 8:26 AM |
| 1939 | I think there should be some kind of funding that is allowed to private schools, maybe some kind of discount, or tax break, etc., but this should not be at the expense of public schools. I had private school education while growing up and my parents paid extra for that, but they willingly paid for public schools too. Education is too important to let slide. | 1/7/2015 8:25 AM |
| 1940 | Your survey is incredibly skewed and leading; most of your stats are therefore nullified. | 1/7/2015 8:22 AM |
| 1941 | My son has special needs. His services were cut as a result of the district's inability to supply expensive testing. I had to go through private services in order for my son to receive the accurate testing that shows that he needs services. It is not only difficult to fight for these services, but accurately time consuming and expensive. The longer my child has to wait for services, the harder it is for him to learn and become functional in today's society. More money given to these other schools is less money used to help children like my child. It is not acceptabke. | 1/7/2015 8:20 AM |
| 1942 | Our school district has seen yearly cuts in the last 4 years. Many highly qualified teachers are leaving the profession or the state. Class sizes have increased and staffing has been reduced. Public funding should be used exclusively for public education, it is our obligation as US citizens. If parents choose to not use the public education, they should pay for other options. | 1/7/2015 8:19 AM |
| 1943 | Our district is suffering dramatically from state budget cuts. We have reduced staff, we are currently unable to pass a referendum. We will continue into the future cutting programs that enrich children's live. Class sizes are ridiculous!! I'm NOT on board with my taxes going to fund private education when MY children are suffering due to the wrong-thinking cuts and vouchers. | 1/7/2015 8:19 AM |
| 1944 | Class sizes are out of control! 30 or more in a class is not in the best interest of the students! | 1/7/2015 8:18 AM |
| 1945 | It does not make economic sense for taxpayers to fund both public and voucher school systems. | 1/7/2015 8:14 AM |
| 1946 | lots of shortfalls because of lack of funds | 1/7/2015 8:13 AM |
| 1947 | Reduced staffing, programming and less effective programming. | 1/7/2015 8:12 AM |
| 1948 | Voucher schools are taking needed funds away from the public schools. Our school district has to do more with less each and every year. Furthermore, if voucher schools take public money, they should be held to the same standards as public schools. | 1/7/2015 8:11 AM |
| 1949 | Private schools are supposed to be private...if you want to send them to a private school. .pay for it yourself. | 1/7/2015 8:11 AM |
| 1950 | I have seen local schools' budgets cut for so many consecutive years that every new cut definitely impacts student learning/health (although not always transparently). Private schools should be privately funded, public money should go to public schools. | 1/7/2015 8:09 AM |
| 1951 | Our district has been hurt by these vouchers. Let's make PUBLIC schools the best they can be. Putting a child in a private school is a choice and should come with consequences. | 1/7/2015 7:53 AM |
| 1952 | Loss of funding has forced SMALL districts to increase taxes. Something is wrong when a struggling young family has monthly property tax obligations that far exceed their mortgage payment on a very modest dwelling. Small rural schools are dying out here! We don't even have private or charter schools near enough to threaten our enrollment. We just are not being HEARD!!! | 1/7/2015 7:50 AM |
| 1953 | How about only fund private schools with tax revenues from the sales of legalized marijuana? Meet the needs of public schools first, then look at the private schools after. | 1/7/2015 7:41 AM |
| 1954 | I am a retired teacher with great concerns about what is happening to public education. I worry in particular about the false allure of special needs vouchers. | 1/7/2015 7:39 AM |
| 1955 | Charter, private schools are a choice not a right. | 1/7/2015 7:33 AM |

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| 1956 | Our state can barely afford to support 1 education system, it certainly can not afford 2! And if the state is going to provide funding then those schools receiving the funds should all be held to the same standards. | 1/7/2015 7:32 AM |
| 1957 | My community has supported referendums for several years to fund our schools and yet have had to reduce staffing mostly due to attrition. Private schools should be paid for by the family attending. There needs to be a separation of church and state, and my tax dollars should not support private schools. | 1/7/2015 7:31 AM |
| 1958 | A vast majority of the students getting vouchers now would have attended the private schools anyway, and are from families that can afford to send them there without assistance. We need to focus on PUBLIC schools, since that is part of the FUCKING SOCIAL CONTRACT that we seem to be unable to grasp in this Ayn Randian distopia. | 1/7/2015 7:31 AM |
| 1959 | Taxpayer money should only be used for public schools. | 1/7/2015 7:29 AM |
| 1960 | Public school systems are struggling to pay the bills, attract good teachers, and I are spending far too much time testing students. | 1/7/2015 7:27 AM |
| 1961 | Its theft, reverse Robin Hood theft going from the poorer families to the richer | 1/7/2015 7:15 AM |
| 1962 | Our countries strength depends on providing a good education for every citizen regardless of income. We need to focus on making our public school system the best we possibly can. | 1/7/2015 7:12 AM |
| 1963 | Teacher quality and level of experience has definitely declined. There have been budget cuts in areas such as music, art and other specialized areas. The public schools are the only place many of the state's children will have opportunities to participate in such programs and they are essential parts of a complete curriculum. | 1/7/2015 7:10 AM |
| 1964 | We have had to pass referendum and positions continue to be cut as well as larger class size | 1/7/2015 7:08 AM |
| 1965 | Private schools should be held to higher standards than public school | 1/7/2015 6:58 AM |
| 1966 | While I fully support an individuals right to choose where they send their child to school, that choice should not negatively impact our public schools. | 1/7/2015 6:54 AM |
| 1967 | We have two schools systems supported by tax payers in the city of Milwaukee. Inefficient, wasteful spending to support kids that don't have basic needs met in the first place. Voucher schools have worse outcomes then our public schools. One public school system PLEASE! | 1/7/2015 6:51 AM |
| 1968 | It's appalling to use taxpayer's money on private programs including education and it's especially concerning that students with disabilities don't have the same rights and protections afforded under IDEA even though public funds are being used for their education. Vouchers dismantle the public educated system and pull precious limited funds from public schools which are becoming more and more strapped due to funding cuts and vouchers. It's hard to provide quality education to students under these conditions. | 1/7/2015 6:46 AM |
| 1969 | My son's elementary school has become increasingly overcrowded since the budget cuts to the point that most classrooms have 2 classes in them and the library is used as a classroom. There is no money for expansion without passing a referendum which will come too late to improve the school for him, assuming it passes. | 1/7/2015 6:44 AM |
| 1970 | Besides being unable to recruit and retain quality teachers, curricular budgets have been reduced to the point of being ineffectual | 1/7/2015 6:33 AM |
| 1971 | We are a growth district with conservative fiscal management and independently-funded insurance so we have weathered the fiscal aspects better than most. However, we have seen increased staff turn-over and job insecurity as staff have wage shopped and lost job protections. So, despite, a better than most situation, we still are suffering. | 1/7/2015 6:32 AM |
| 1972 | I know the school where I'm at is operating with reduced staffing and it is the students that suffer because of it. | 1/7/2015 6:30 AM |
| 1973 | I've seen course removals from my child's school, due to funding cuts, only to see unaccountable charter schools steal my child's funding for themselves with the explicit assistance of the Republicans in the assembly and senate. All this talk about freedom and choices, and we taxpayers have neither, nor do we have an effective voice, because of politicians who have sold out their constituencies to corporations and moneyed interests. | 1/7/2015 6:19 AM |
| 1974 | If parents want their children in private schools, they should be responsible for that choice. Public schools are the life blood of every community and need more, not less, resources. | 1/7/2015 6:18 AM |
| 1975 | We can't adequately fund one system of public education as a state. We shouldn't try to fund two competing systems, especially when given the 20-year track record of private voucher failures in Milwaukee. | 1/7/2015 6:17 AM |
| 1976 | Our district has reduced staff, cut programming, increased class size and sold off assets | 1/7/2015 6:15 AM |
| 1977 | I do not think it is right to use taxpayer money for private schools. All taxes collected for schools should go to the public school system for improvement. | 1/7/2015 6:09 AM |
| 1978 | Class sizes continue to rise and less teachers are being hired to fill openings. | 1/7/2015 6:02 AM |

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| 1979 | Voucher schools have been proven ineffective and thus, are a waste of taxpayer dollars. They should be eliminated and all funds returned to public schools. | 1/7/2015 6:02 AM |
| 1980 | The private school denied my child access based on disability yet took money away from public schools that help fund education for him. Allowing this to continue will significantly impact the students and their communities and ultimately the state of WISCONSIN. I personally know a family that has moved out of state because of the decline of public education in Wisconsin. | 1/7/2015 6:01 AM |
| 1981 | The public schools are losing money that should be theirs to use for things like art, music, physical education, etc. because tax dollars are being used to pay for students to attend private and parochial schools. If they are receiving tax dollars to help run their schools, then they should have to follow the same rules and accountability measures as public schools. | 1/7/2015 5:53 AM |
| 1982 | adhere to the state constitution on education | 1/7/2015 5:50 AM |
| 1983 | Staff morale is at an all time low. A referendum is on the horizon. We have lost vital experienced staff to other states. | 1/7/2015 4:59 AM |
| 1984 | Blatant taxpayer ripoff. 20-some years in to this failed experiment, it is long past time to acknowledge this mess has nothing to do with educating WI children. | 1/7/2015 4:32 AM |
| 1985 | Wis. cannot support 2 educational systems. Stop providing funds to support private schools. | 1/7/2015 1:56 AM |
| 1986 | . | 1/7/2015 1:43 AM |
| 1987 | Funding Religious Education should be against the law. | 1/7/2015 1:33 AM |
| 1988 | I have no problem with religious schools, no problem with private schools. But if you want your children to attend them, you are then responsible for the bill. Don't cut public education and ruin their schools for the sake of Charter/Voucher millionairs. | 1/7/2015 1:29 AM |
| 1989 | Attending private or charter schools are choice driven. Public education cannot and will not maintain its standards if state and federal funding as well as parent generated tuition funds non-public schools. Similarly, if schools receive state money the same standards should apply to students, staff, faculty and the school system. | 1/7/2015 1:06 AM |
| 1990 | Public tax money should only go to public schools that are required, and do, serve every student. Public schools are suffering from budget cuts: teachers are buying more and more everyday supplies, class sizes have increased and educational assistants reduced, art, music and gym have been reduced or cut, teacher morale is very low, MPS has been the victim of vouchers and cuts for over 20 years and yet their schools outperform vouchers. | 1/7/2015 12:46 AM |
| 1991 | The voucher program is a travesty. There is no governmental oversight and the students are educationally worse off in the voucher schools than in their home public school. Inter district transfer is a better option. Students are still in a public school but those schools are held accountable. Some schools have specialty departments that benefit nearby students and those students are able to take advantage of the improved programs. | 1/7/2015 12:46 AM |
| 1992 | There is no way tax dollars should be allowed to fund private/parochial schools... ever. Especially without the oversight and accountability that public schools are subject to! | 1/7/2015 12:29 AM |
| 1993 | My district has gone to referendum twice to get operating money. My property taxes went up $800 per year for the last two years to support the increased money needed to keep our public school operating. The district is in trouble, to say the least, and asking local tax payers for more money is not the solution to the problem. | 1/7/2015 12:17 AM |
| 1994 | I do not agree with vouchers. If you want to send your children to private school, then pay for it yourself. I have a public school education and am proud of it. | 1/7/2015 12:14 AM |
| 1995 | If public education is available and not utilized, it should be the parents' responsibility to fund other educational opportunities. | 1/7/2015 12:04 AM |
| 1996 | As per Constitution church and state should be separated and that includes religious schools receiving public tax dollars. Public schools have been handicapped and held to mandates etc. but yet voucher schools are exempt. If they are receiving tax dollars they should held accountable in the same exact manner as public schools, this is the only way they can truly be measured to the same degree as public schools. | 1/6/2015 11:57 PM |
| 1997 | IT staff are sorely lacking; our very active PTO provides tech, only to have it sit around because the person to install it is too busy and they haven't hired another person. I also see class sizes increasing. Lots of referenda in surrounding districts, but not ours yet. | 1/6/2015 11:56 PM |
| 1998 | Public schools and children are suffering from the draconian cuts seen in the last few years. Asking teachers, administrators and children to "do more with less" is ridiculous and counterintuitive. Children need music, arts,phy Ed. They need recess and not tests and time frames to regiment their learning so severely. | 1/6/2015 11:53 PM |
| 1999 | We must have Public Schools only..Adequate funding must come from taxes. | 1/6/2015 11:52 PM |
| 2000 | It's unconsittutional. Eliminate the program. Zero it out. | 1/6/2015 11:44 PM |

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| 2001 | There is no evidence voucher schools have improved education but a lot of evidence the funds are needed in public schools. I'm a college professor and find many private school students are inadequately trained in science and critical analysis. And public students have list breadth in their education due to program cuts. Innovation comes from breadth, critical analysis and a deep education and we are denying this to students. | 1/6/2015 11:37 PM |
| 2002 | Not fund religious schools. Fund charters at same rate as public schools. | 1/6/2015 11:35 PM |
| 2003 | My taxes should not go to vouchers! Stop "experimenting" on children with these unaccountable vouchers! It is having a negative impact on my children's school! | 1/6/2015 11:34 PM |
| 2004 | It's wrong and shouldn't be happening. Reverse the voucher and charter programs and return the money to public schools. | 1/6/2015 11:26 PM |
| 2005 | Walker needs to go. Wisconsin used to be a state with great schools and teachers. Now we can't even get teachers that want to work here. | 1/6/2015 11:17 PM |
| 2006 | Reduced staffing, added workload to existing staff | 1/6/2015 11:12 PM |
| 2007 | This practice is against the Wisconsin constitution. | 1/6/2015 11:09 PM |
| 2008 | No public funding for private K-12 schools. | 1/6/2015 11:09 PM |
| 2009 | We've seen introduction of referenda in our district to fund schools & will see one this spring for paying teachers with the new compensation plan | 1/6/2015 11:02 PM |
| 2010 | our district has reduced staff, froze wages and raised costs of after school activities | 1/6/2015 11:01 PM |
| 2011 | The district is making major cuts and impacting student learning negatively. | 1/6/2015 11:00 PM |
| 2012 | No to vouchers. Larger budgets for public schools. | 1/6/2015 10:56 PM |
| 2013 | Public schools need additional funding just to maintain current programming. Private schools should not be receiving taxpayer money. | 1/6/2015 10:42 PM |
| 2014 | Looming referendum, compensation not keeping up with other districts, low moral, lack of trust , more resignations all while having a pro public school school board. | 1/6/2015 10:41 PM |
| 2015 | I do not understand how public taxpayer money is being used for private religious education. Separation of church and state? If they receive public funds, they need to be held to the same standards as public schools. | 1/6/2015 10:38 PM |
| 2016 | Ours, a growing district without a parochial school in our district, if doing ok thanks to an administrator that is a magician with money. That doesn't mean it will continue if more money is taken away from the public schools. | 1/6/2015 10:38 PM |
| 2017 | I believe tax dollars should fund public education only. I work at a small Catholic grade school and do not believe in anything they do or stand for. It's extremely hard to work there daily and keep my feelings to myself, but it took 2 years to get this job and I have to work. They provide no benefits. None. | 1/6/2015 10:30 PM |
| 2018 | The majority of students [those in public schools] are having programs and classes cut because of funding going to private schools. I don't believe that those students should be deprived so that the minority of students can go to private schools. | 1/6/2015 10:25 PM |
| 2019 | I believe the state government is trying to make it impossible for public schools to succeed. Students (children) are the real losers as the focus of education is about everything but the children and their learning. Shame on our government!! | 1/6/2015 10:22 PM |
| 2020 | If schools receive tax payer dollars, they should be accountable to the public in the same way public schools are, including testing mandates, teacher training, and special education services. Research suggests these programs are no more effective than public schools, so why are we throwing money at them when that ultimately depletes the pool of money available to public schools? | 1/6/2015 10:05 PM |
| 2021 | Vouchers and private schools have been the medium to throw unaccountable taxpayer money at unsubstantiated educational methods in Milwaukee for over 20 years. Vouchers should have never been declared constitutional and should be ended immediately. | 1/6/2015 10:03 PM |
| 2022 | I taught at Messmer in Milwaukee prior to the voucher Staten being implemented. It can work...but requires much oversight. It should only be allowed in districts with failing public systems, and only for low income families. It's ridiculous (and was never the intent) to fund kids who already attend private Schools in orherwise successful districts. | 1/6/2015 10:01 PM |
| 2023 | We continue to have to meek painful cuts. | 1/6/2015 10:00 PM |
| 2024 | I do not think that any taxpayer money should be used to fund private or parochial schools. Our school district has cut, and continues to cut staff, programs and services. Class sizes have increased at the same time that classroom budgets have disappeared. | 1/6/2015 9:56 PM |

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| 2025 | We need to focus on improving public schools so that there can be great, free education for all. | 1/6/2015 9:40 PM |
| 2026 | I have seen reduced staffing and programming along with larger class sizes. | 1/6/2015 9:26 PM |
| 2027 | Money is very tight in our district. Our district just passed a building and grounds referendum this past fall. Our PTO is clipping Box Tops and soup labels and organizing school-wide fundraisers to off-set budget deficiencies. The money is being used to buy computers and maintain playground equipment. | 1/6/2015 9:23 PM |
| 2028 | I teach kindergarten. My classroom furniture consists of 1) A shelf my husband got for me off the neighbor's burn pile. 2) A shelf I found curbside. 3) A shelf my dad made for me. 4) A shelf my husband made for me. 5) A wooden toy kitchen set I bought out of pocket. This week I had to buy $20 worth of sanitizer for my classroom to fight the flu. I have 18 children and only an hour of aide time a day. When I started teaching in 1996 I had 11 children and a full time aide. My carpeting in my classroom has adhesive backing and is made out of 4 segments pieced together. I just feel like the children of our state deserve better. There first experience at school shouldn't be had in a classroom that looks like a thrift store homage. I'm 3 credits short of my phD and making $53,000 a year. I make less now than I did eight years ago. My family struggles to pay for bills with what little we have. This is not the way I envisioned my career to go. | 1/6/2015 9:22 PM |
| 2029 | At this time their are few students getting vouchers because of the income limits. If those limits are lifted, we will lose more funding for public schools. The vouchers really don't want our impoverished students here. | 1/6/2015 9:21 PM |
| 2030 | My district passed a referendum which included 3questions - one of which was operational. This was the deciding factor which raised my property taxes due to the state funding cuts to my district. scott walker can blame my district though and not himself saying he did not do it! Ha! Even though we were promised there would be no staffing cuts, it is happening anyway. Money to private schools is unconstitutional. Who will challenge this? It is a plan to get control of all of our children. No string with the money now, but oh just wait. They plan to control us all. Younger employees don't get it and are not paying attention. Just be positive and all will be fine. Speak out every chance I get. I am the voice for the children in my classroom for they have no voice at all! | 1/6/2015 9:20 PM |
| 2031 | I see children and staff negatively effected by the current administration's policies. | 1/6/2015 9:20 PM |
| 2032 | I do believe our public schools are being hurt by these bad decisions. | 1/6/2015 9:16 PM |
| 2033 | Yes, referendum to increase revenue cap concurrent with building referendum. Are not able to increase programs for more opportunities for our students who are not achieving well (for example, expand summer school, before and after school programs, expanded mentoring, etc.) | 1/6/2015 9:14 PM |
| 2034 | Staffing has been reduced, many teachers with good experience took early retirements. | 1/6/2015 9:08 PM |
| 2035 | Parents should pay privately if they choose to use a private school. | 1/6/2015 9:06 PM |
| 2036 | Taxes should not be used to fund private schools. There should be same accountability as traditional public schools. Milwaukee taxpayers are paying for three school systems. The Milwaukee Public Schools pay for Voucher students out of their budget. For 2010< MPS budget $253.0, Parental Choice Program $40.5. For 2011, MPS budget $248.2, Parental Choice Program $49.6. For 2012, MPS budget $247.0, Parental Choice Program $53.6. Yet, in the poorest schools, the class sizes are too large, staff has been reduced. | 1/6/2015 8:36 PM |
| 2037 | If a family wants to send their children to a private or religious school then that is their choice and they should PAY FOR IT!!! | 1/6/2015 7:26 PM |
| 2038 | Our district was in good fiscal shape, with leeway in our tax levy, but many other districts are cut to the bone by this give-away - especially rural districts that don't benefit at all from the voucher program. I 100% oppose the use of public funds for private schools, as Article X, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution makes clear that public education money must fund schools that are tuition-free and free of sectarian instruction. | 1/6/2015 7:23 PM |
| 2039 | Private schools should be funded by private money: public schools by public money. Our schools are suffering as a result of the budget cuts--good teachers are retiring or leaving and teacher morale is very low | 1/6/2015 7:07 PM |