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CEF invites you to join the battle for CHOICE in Education!

- **School choice** protects the freedom of families to choose the kind of education that meets the needs and talents of their own children.
- **School choice** promotes the benefits of competition and innovation, which have made our nation strong.
- **School choice** can reduce the *costs* of education to taxpayers while dramatically improving the *quality* of education.

Parental Choice is a Human Right

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 26, Section 3): "*Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that should be given to their children*"

CEF members receive...

- ...a subscription to *School Choice News*, the newsletter of the Citizens For Educational Freedom.
- ...updates on pending legislation and details on how to lobby your representatives.
- ...invitations to local and national school choice conferences and other events.

**A choice
for parents...
A chance for
children**



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Citizens for Educational Freedom

CEF IS a national, non-profit corporation founded in 1959, with headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri.

Our membership consists of citizens and supporting groups of every race, color, creed and political party.

Our purpose is to promote the primary rights of parents to freedom of choice, justice and quality in education for all.

We support policies which will allocate a fair share of educational tax dollars for each child to take to the school their parents choose, while protecting parents and schools from undue government regulation and control.

Educational Freedom means:

- *Parental choice*
- *Equal treatment under the law for all families*
- *Fair Competition among schools*
- *Improved educational quality*
- *Taxpayer savings*
- *Religious liberty*

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"Let the Dollar Follow the Scholar"

CEF Principles

THE CHILD DOES NOT BELONG TO THE STATE. Parents have the primary right and responsibility for the education of their children. Therefore, they must be able to select either government or non-government operated schools for their children regardless of religious orientation, without financial penalty or government interference.

"Liberty...excludes any general power of the state to standardize its children by forcing them to accept instruction from public teachers only. The child is not the mere creature of the state." Pierce v. Society of Sisters, U.S. Supreme Court (1925).

EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT BE A MONOPOLY BY GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS. Parents should be able to choose private schools also. Elementary and secondary education are the only publicly funded benefits that are restricted to government-controlled facilities. Food stamp recipients can choose among private grocery stores. Medicare patients can choose their doctors and hospitals, and college students can use government aid at any college or university, including religious institutions.

PARENTS' CHOICE, NOT GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY, IS A BASIC TENET OF OUR FREE NATION. The rights of parents, particularly the poor, are violated by a single system of subsidized education in which citizens' tax dollars finance only those schools operated by the government. State monopoly is harmful to quality and equity in education. This system rewards mediocrity, destroys accountability, and eliminates the benefits seen in competitive markets: innovation, variety, and increasing quality at declining cost.

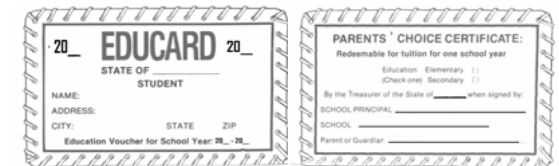
Since 1959, CEF has mobilized families nationwide in pursuit of the following goals:

- **Promote** public awareness and legislative efforts to support parents' natural and constitutional rights in education
- **Demonstrate** the benefits of competition and a free market in education
- **Empower** families to regain the control over their children's education through choice of private or public schools

The time for change is NOW!

In June, 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of the public voucher system in Cleveland, settling the Constitutional objection raised by critics. This landmark decision opens the door for school choice across America!

CEF believes the most direct method to restore parents' rights and to reap the benefits of competition among schools is to create a school tuition voucher program. Each child would be issued a card similar to this:



The **EDUCARD** would be redeemable for tuition at the parents' choice of school, government, parochial or private, and would be equal to average expenditures per student at the local public school.