

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPPORT OUR DEMOCRACY

In 1776 the Declaration of Independence announced the **founding of our DEMOCRACY**, a form of government in which no one, not even a king, has a divine right to tell others what they must think or do.

Our government's legitimacy and power depend on the **consent of its citizens**, who have voluntarily come together as a community...

WHAT DO PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACH?

Today our public schools welcome ALL children. They teach that **everyone has equal rights**.

Our nation's founders and others sought to establish public schools to ensure that **each new generation understands, values and works to preserve our democratic republic**. Children who attend public schools PRACTICE DEMOCRACY every day by being together, by learning together, and by resolving conflicts together.



Public education is a public good that benefits all of us.

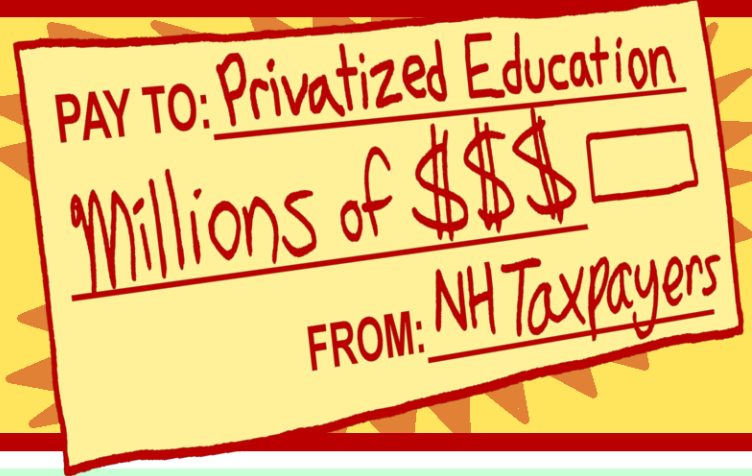
Our public schools often serve as **the heart of their communities**.

They thrive when the **entire community** participates in their oversight, operation & improvement.

In order to survive, our nation must educate our children about their rights & responsibilities as citizens of a democracy.

WARNING: NH'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE IN DANGER!

Despite the critical role they play in our democracy, **New Hampshire's public schools have never been funded fairly**. Property-poor communities struggle to support their schools. The state does not provide all communities with the resources necessary to offer an excellent public education.



NH's school voucher legislation shifts public funding away from our public schools, with **little oversight** of how or where those tax dollars are being spent, or of what is being taught.

YOU CAN PROTECT & PRESERVE YOUR COMMUNITY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

ASK candidates:

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE **ROLE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION** IN OUR DEMOCRACY?

HOW WOULD YOU **FUND OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS** TO SUPPORT THEM FAIRLY?

For information on candidate forums and candidates go to lwnh.org and citizenscount.org

VOTE for candidates who support your views on public education.



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