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# Texas Voucher Proposals-88th TX Legislature

— Vouchers are the bridge towards  
dismantling public education. —

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# Introductions

## Justice Lovin

- 4 year public school educator
- Secretary of the San Antonio Alliance

## Melina Espiritu-Azocar

- 14 year public school educator
- Mother of 2 attending Northside public schools
- Parent leader for Fulfill the Promise-Coalition focusing on proper federal funding for IDEA
- Longtime union member
- Currently the Chief of Staff and Lead Organizer for Northside American Federation of Teachers

## Basic information on the Abbott voucher rollout program

In May Governor Abbott began to push his Parent Bill of Rights that included the language regarding “school choice.” He said, “empowering parents means giving them the choice to send their children to any public school, charter school, or private school with state funding following the student.” He began his platform with clearly aligned principals following the TPPF (Texas Public Policy Foundation) Campaign.

- 1. Vouchers are are a tax break for the rich**
- 2. Vouches do not increase equitable access**
- 3. Vouchers do not improve quality of private schools**
- 4. Vouches hurt public schools**

# The goal of charter schools and voucher programs is to privatize a public good

Defunds public schools without covering the full cost of private schools

- A war of attrition

Opens the door to discrimination against students

- Admissions processes
- Behaviorist discipline programs
- No access to equitable programs to our students with special needs

Union busting by another name

See the research of Diane Ravitch and Nancy MacLean

## Parents Choice

Abbott's Parent Bill of Rights is political rhetoric that is making parents feel like they have no say in their child's public education, this is untrue.

1. You always have had and will continue to have a voice in your child's public education-the same can't be said for any private entity
2. Parents are partners in public education

## Carson v. Makin: Supreme Court decision about public funds and private schools (Vouchers)

1. The supreme court decision on June 21st regarding school vouchers makes it unconstitutional for states to exclude religious schools from programs that use tax dollars to pay private tuition (Vouchers).
2. This decision will dismantle public education, another reason we can not allow vouchers in our state.
3. This decision will certainly add momentum to efforts by Gov. Greg Abbott to persuade the Legislature to change that come January.

## What can you do?

Be a member of the public

- Talk to people about the threat posed by privatization
- Call/ write your school board rep

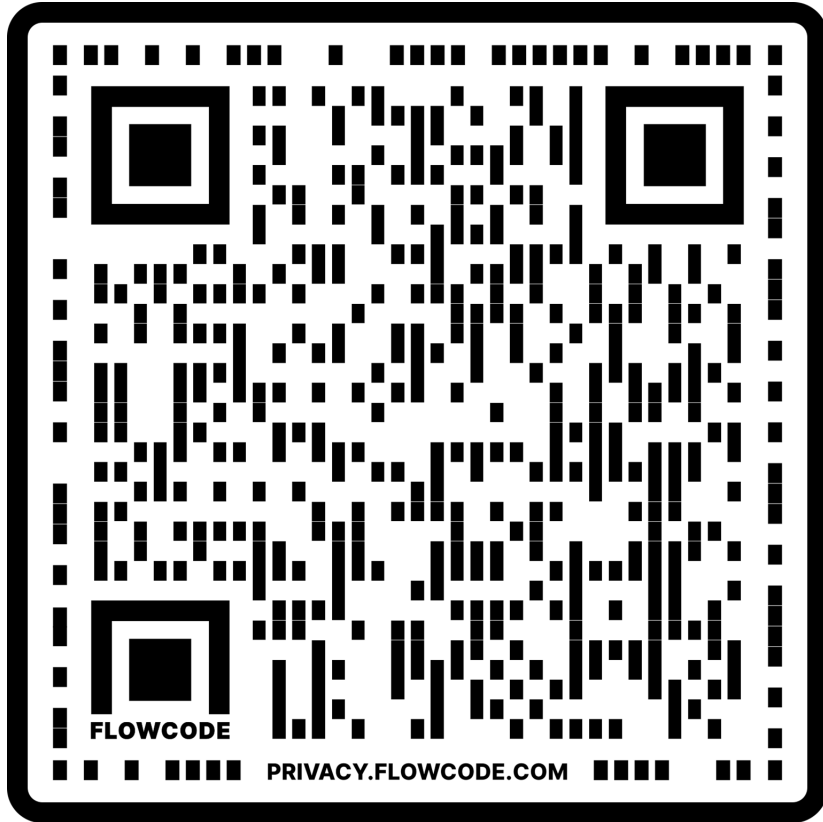
Support positive demands

- Community Schools
- Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Informed Practices

Support unions

- Vote, block walk for union endorsed candidates

# Questions:



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