



EXPAND EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

Our public schools have consistently failed to teach students to read, write, or do mathematics at grade level. It's time to empower parents and students with new opportunities and more choice in education. Conservatives will foster greater choice for all families and find innovative ways to ensure funding follows students rather than being bound to systems. We believe the one-size-fits-all system has failed many families and, particularly, our most vulnerable.

What liberal politicians have given you:

- **FAILING, UNDERPRIVILEGED SCHOOLS IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES:** Over 60% of Colorado students are not reading at grade level; over 70% are not doing math at grade level. Systems are being funded – not students – and this has led to a failing system that is dividing our kids.
- **ATTACKS ON SCHOOL CHOICE:** Policymakers have failed to grant enough charter school applications – even when parents throughout the district want these schools. They fail to make curriculum transparent and available for parents, and they claim they want “better schools” without delivering any changes the parents ask for.
- **LOW STAFFING AND LOW TEACHER PAY:** In Colorado, only 58% of the school dollars go straight to the classrooms. Tax dollars directed to education are used for bureaucracy, not for teachers and students.

What Conservatives will do to solve the problems:

- Support an “all of the above” approach to education.
- Direct more money to the classroom: increase teacher pay, provide for a school supply tax credit, and give grants to districts that spend 65%+ of their education dollars in the classroom.
- Require accountability: report data that enables school districts and parents to make good choices on a great range of schools that are funding students, not systems.
- Maximize parental empowerment: 72% of Americans believe that parents should have influence over what schools teach. We will make curriculum transparent for parents.
- Support equal funding for charter schools.