School Choice?
THE REAL STORY

"Subsidizing individual decisions that do not generate a public good or service... is an inappropriate use of public money."
Center for Tax & Budget Accountability, 2015

Vouchers, Tax Credit Scholarships, & Education Savings Accounts Shift State Funds From Public Schools to Unaccountable Private Schools

- $811-million Cost of choice programs in Arizona

The price of school choice to Indiana's state budget? $200-million in FY2016 alone.
Sources: Arizona Department of Revenue, FY1998-FY2014; Center for Tax & Budget Accountability, 2015

Test Scores Go Down
Louisiana's voucher students lost half a school year's learning in math & lost ground in reading, science, & social studies.

Private school voucher students 24-50% more likely than public school peers to score below basic (failing) in all tested subjects.

"Louisiana Scholarship Program (voucher) participation substantially reduces academic achievement."

Numbers Don't Lie

25 Years of Choice & Competition HAS NOT WORKED FOR MILWAUKEE
8 out of 10 Milwaukee public and voucher school students are NOT proficient in math & reading.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, 2014

Special Needs Vouchers - It's the Schools that Choose
In MS, some private schools refused admission to special needs children who had been approved for vouchers.

433 Vouchers Available
251 Qualified Applications Approved
107 Vouchers in Use

Source: Mississippi Department of Education, 2015

What does work? Investing in public schools, which educate all children, as demonstrated by national and global achievement leaders - Massachusetts, Finland, Korea, etc.

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