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Tell Your Legislators: Our Catholic Community Supports Senate Bill 1 - School Choice!

The Pennsylvania General Assembly is now considering legislation to significantly increase the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program and also start a school voucher program to help low-income and possibly many middle income families. Just like the EITC scholarships, parents would be able to use the voucher to pay tuition at any school they choose – public or private.

Visit, call, write or e-mail your state legislators and ask them to vote **YES** on SB1 - school choice. Send an easy e-mail message or look up your legislators' contact information at

www.pacatholic.org/advocacy

School choice is good for parents.

All parents should be able to select a school that best suits their children. The state should support parents in meeting their obligation to educate their children, not the other way around.

School choice is good for Catholic schools.

Not every qualified student will choose a Catholic school, but it is likely that many will. The EITC program has helped our schools without sacrificing our core mission and high standards. Vouchers will allow even more children to choose a Catholic education. More students will help us keep our schools vibrant and available to everyone.

School choice is good for all of us.

Pennsylvania needs a more effective and less costly way to educate our children. Nonpublic schools already save taxpayers \$4 billion/year. School choice saves tax dollars because non-public schools often provide an excellent education for a fraction of the cost of public schools, and the difference between the voucher and the cost of tuition will be returned to the state.

Voice your support for school choice. Make a difference for Pennsylvania's future.

Involvement of parents, educators, Catholic school alumni, parishioners, and all citizens and taxpayers will be critical to the success of school choice. By getting involved, you can make it happen. Join our advocacy network by sending a message to your legislators at www.pacatholic.org/advocacy.

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