

Coalition for the Future
of Detroit Schoolchildren

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Every child deserves a high-quality education, and it's our responsibility as a community to ensure that they get it.

We know that education is the key to future success. Unfortunately, more than 100,000 children in Detroit are having their futures shortchanged by an education system that is failing to meet their needs. They're working against the grain in a dysfunctional mess of schools in which no one is set up to succeed.

There is a complete lack of coordination between the public and charter schools that are educating Detroit students, and it is creating chaos for parents and their children. In the past 7 years, 164 schools in the city have opened or closed. How could anyone feel confident or comfortable sending their child to a school that may close at any time? In the current system, parents have little to no representation in how their schools are run and lack the ability to hold failing schools accountable.

In addition to those problems, more than \$1,100 per pupil in local education funding must be used to pay down debt largely racked up under state management and exacerbated by bad public policy.

With your help, we as a community can help fix this situation and ensure that all children have access to a quality education.

Senate Bill 710 — which passed the senate with strong, bi-partisan support — will help to eliminate some of the district's most detrimental problems by ensuring more education dollars make it to the classroom, empowering parents through local control, and improving the stability and quality of school choices in the city.

By contrast, under the cover of night, and on a party line vote, the majority in the State House of Representatives rammed through a legislative package that is pandering, dangerous, fiscally irresponsible and in no way designed to improve the quality of education for Detroit children.

Please join the effort to safeguard our kids' futures by contacting your State Senator and encouraging them to stand strong in support of real reform as outlined in the Senate's proposal.

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