

Dear Parents,

The Michigan legislature passed two bills last fall which would have provided “student opportunity scholarships” to low-income families for their out-of-pocket educational expenses. Donors who contribute to the scholarships would receive a state tax credit. The scholarships would then be distributed to qualifying public and nonpublic school students for tutoring, school supplies, computer, and **tuition** among other expenses. One bill created the scholarship system, and the other created the tax credit. Unfortunately, Governor Whitmer vetoed the two measures.

A petition drive is now underway that would place the issue before the legislature, which if passed via this process, would not require the governor’s signature to become law. The effort to obtain signatures is headed by [Let MI Kids Learn](#), a coalition of organizations which includes the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools. Schools can fully participate in this important, non-partisan effort.

Enclosed in this envelope is background information on the proposal, two petition forms (one for each bill to be passed), and instructions on how to get signatures. Please gather as many signatures as you can, and either drop the pre-addressed envelope in the mail or return it to your school office. Each person may only sign each petition once. The petitions must be returned intact, so please don’t tear off the non-signature portion of the forms.

Hopefully passage of this initiative strengthens the role of parents in the education of their children in our state and furthers our Christian call to achieve economic justice for all families.

Thank you for your support.

(See other side for more instructions.)

Thanks for supporting the needs of Michigan students! You're the key to winning the battle, and to make every single signature count, it's important for you to follow the following instructions.

- 1 Check the volunteer box.
- 2 As the circulator, you must write in the COUNTY NAME at the top of each petition form. All of the signers of this petition sheet must be registered voters of that county. You can circulate petitions for any county, but each county must be on a different sheet.
- 3 The signer must sign their full name as they are registered to vote, and then write it in neatly in the next box.
- 4 The signer must write in the house number and street name, or rural route, where they live. No PO Boxes, please.
- 5 The signer must write in the City or Township where they are registered to vote. Villages and unincorporated areas are always within townships.
- 6 The signer next writes in their zip code.
- 7 Finally, the signer must write in the date they signed the petition, not their birth date.
- 8 After the circulator has gathered signatures, they must complete the Circulator section in the lower right of each petition form. No signatures can be added to the petition form after this portion has been completed and dated.

To wrap up the petition:

- Make certain that all sections have been completed.
- Ditto marks are not acceptable.
- Petition forms are acceptable with at least one, but no more than 9 signatures.
- Yes, you can both sign and circulate a petition form.

The circulator of this petition is: A paid signature gatherer A volunteer signature gatherer

If the petition circulator does not comply with all of the requirements of the Michigan election law for petition circulators, any signature obtained by that petition circulator on that petition is invalid and will not be counted.

INITIATION OF LEGISLATION

Initiation of legislation to create the Student Opportunity Scholarship Act, an act to require the Department of Treasury to establish a Student Opportunity Scholarship (SOS) program; require a uniform process to determine the amount of funds to be allocated to each eligible student's SOS account; specify the qualifying education expenses for which SOS funds could be used; specify that funds allocated to any SOS account for which qualifying education expenses would not be considered taxable income to the parent or SOS student; and to provide appropriations for the implementation of this act.

For the full text of the Student Opportunity Scholarship Act, see the revised copy of this petition. See the instructions for printing and how to sign this petition on the reverse of this petition.

WARNING - A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified and registered elector, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the Michigan election law.

SIGNATURE	PRINTED NAME	STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE	CITY OR TOWNSHIP	ZIP	DATE OF SIGNING	
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CIRCULATOR - Do not sign or date certificate until after circulating petition.

(Signature of Circulator) _____ (Date) _____

(Printed Name of Circulator) _____

Complete this section Address (Street and Box) _____ (City or Township, State, ZIP Code) _____

(Date of Registration: If Register not U.S. date of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan) _____

