



**MICHIGAN STATE AND LOCAL CANDIDATE
PLEDGE TO RETURN CONTROL OF EDUCATION TO PARENTS
SUMMER 2016**

Nationally, the US spends trillions of dollars per year on education. The Federal Department of Education, created thirty-six years ago, controls less than 10% of the total Michigan education spending*, but exerts dramatic influence without any evidence of positive outcomes for kids.

* http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/b1014_14_481982_7.pdf page 9

The State of Michigan has spent billions in education, increasing steadily year over year despite declining public school enrollment. Outcomes for children in Michigan are unacceptable, especially in terms of reading, writing, math and demonstrating an understanding of our US history and heritage.

Michigan has a long history of local control for education. Additionally, the important role of parents has been codified in statute:

Michigan - **THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE (EXCERPT) Act 451 of 1976 380.10**

Rights of parents and legal guardians; duties of public schools. [M.S.A. 15.4010] Sec. 10. It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children. The public schools of this state serve the needs of the pupils by cooperating with the pupil's parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil's intellectual capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and positive environment. HistoryAdd. 1995, Act 289, Eff. July 1, 1996

As _____ (the office you seek),

I _____ (name) pledge to sponsor and vote for legislation that:

- Restores parents' rights to direct the education of their children.
- Rejects all federal mandates tied to federal funding.
- Reduces Michigan's reliance on Federal education funding.
- Prevents federally mandated curriculum, standardized tests, and
Repeals & Replaces Common Core (math, ELA, science & SS)
with proven pre-CC MA. standards & assessments
- Eliminates P-20 Workforce Development influence and data collection.

Signature _____

On this _____ day of _____ in the year of _____

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