

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 to scholarship organizations would receive a state tax credit. The scholarship organization would in turn provide scholarships 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 again, 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 to your school office. 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.

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.
- When completed, return to us in the enclosed envelope.

Questions? Or need more petitions? [LetMIKidsLearn.com](http://LetMIKidsLearn.com)

The circulator of this petition (check one)  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. In order to require the Department of Treasury to establish a Student Opportunity Scholarship 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 an SOS account must be used for 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.

**3** NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**4** HOUSE NUMBER AND STREET NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**5** CITY OR TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**6** ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**7** DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCULATOR** - Do not sign or date certificate until after circulating petition.

Signature of Circulator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Circulator: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Let Kids Learn: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Michigan Department of Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Michigan Department of Treasury: \_\_\_\_\_

**8** COUNTY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Representative (Required to file): \_\_\_\_\_ (Circulator who is not a registered voter)

