

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION FOR EXPANDED PARENTAL CHOICE IN EDUCATION IN RHODE ISLAND

The Catholic School Office is collaborating again with Rhode Island Families for School Choice to orchestrate another great Legislative Reception for members of the General Assembly on January 28, 2016 at the State House. The purpose of this event is to advocate for expanded parental choice in education here in the State of Rhode Island. Imagine what this would mean for our school families if they could actually receive outside funding to help pay for Catholic education!

Our immediate initiative is to request a large expansion to the existing corporate tax credit bill which allows students to enroll in their school of choice while leaving state and local educational dollars to remain in their cities and towns of residence. This program benefits everyone. Also, the Catholic School Parent Federation wants to request the introduction of a portable school voucher program by a member of the General Assembly. These initiatives cannot be accomplished without your support, and the support of your school families. Let's also get students involved by asking them to contact their local senators and representatives. Have them call or email them and ask for their support of expanded parental choice in education.

Principals will receive an invitation to the 2016 Legislative Reception in a separate email. The Catholic School Office wants to increase the number of Catholic school communities in attendance this year. Let's make our voices be heard by jamming the State House corridors with students, chaperones and parents! Older students are being asked to sit in the galleries of the House and Senate and hold banners representing their schools and showing their support of expanded parental choice in education.

To facilitate increased attendance at this event, complimentary bus service is being offered through the benevolence of an anonymous contributor. If your school would like to partner with a neighboring school to reserve a bus for transportation, please contact Ed Bastia to request a reimbursement. A limited number of transportation grants will be given on a first come basis. Also, if your school would like to host an exhibit table, provide ambassadors, or populate the galleries, contact the Catholic School Office today!

Thanks so much for your continued support of parental choice in education. Your support and partnership are appreciated more than you can imagine, and we look forward to seeing you at the Reception on January 28. Fill those busses!

