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## THE PARENT BRIGADE

PARENT ADVOCACY through UNIFYING, EDUCATING, and EMPOWERING

for parental rights at all levels of government

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Dear Hamilton County Community,

As we head into summer, Moms for Liberty, Hamilton County is committed to educating and empowering parents to defend their parental rights. Because of our devoted community, we have had many successes since our founding 18 months ago. Most notable were school board elections across the county. Constituents OVERWHELMINGLY voted for change and parent control over their child's education. I hope the superintendents are listening.

Nationally, Moms for Liberty has also experienced success. In just over two years, there are 285 chapters across 44 states and over 120,000 members. Indiana alone has 8 chapters. Membership includes Moms, Dads, Grandparents, friends, and neighbors.

Several of us will be attending Moms for Liberty National Summit in Philadelphia, PA at the end of this month. It is an exciting time in our nation as WE THE PEOPLE are awakened. Stay tuned.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you soon.

In Liberty,

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Paige Miller
Chapter Chair
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"He alone, who OWNS the youth,
GAINS the future."

Adolf Hitler

**Context** - The quote from a horrific leader should put parents on alert. If the government has control over our children today, they control our country's future. **We The People** must be vigilant and protect children from an overreaching government.

## Moms for Liberty will not be be intimidated by hate groups!

#### a message from our founders

Two-thirds of Americans think the public education system is on the wrong track today. That is why our organization is devoted to empowering parents to be a part of their child's public school education. That is our fundamental goal, which began just two years ago when teacher's unions locked students out of schools during the pandemic. Empowering parents continues to be our mission today and that has fueled our organization's growth - like wildfire to now 45 states in the country. Name-calling parents who want to be a part of their child's education as 'hate groups' or 'bigoted' just further exposes what this battle is all about: Who fundamentally gets to decide what is taught to our kids in school - parents or government employees? We believe that parental rights do not stop at the classroom door and no amount of hate from groups like this is going to stop that."

Moms for Liberty Co-founders, Tiffany Justice and Tina Descovich



#### A class in Biblical Citizenship

## LIBERTY LESSON



"I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

Captain Nathan Hale, teacher and Revolutionary War U.S. hero

February of this year many from Moms for Liberty - Hamilton County attended a multi-week course titled "Biblical Citizenship in Modern America" at Life Church in Noblesville. We were ASTONISHED at how much we did not know about our Country's founding. From the first settlers escaping British tyranny to live under God's law in the New World; to the Biblical roots of the Declaration of Independence, and the US Constitution. Many of us will take the course again, we hope you can join us!



# Learn more about Biblical Citizenship in Modern America from Patriot Academy by clicking HERE

#### The Seeds of Liberty

In business terms, the Declaration of Independence is like the articles of incorporation, detailing who we are and what we are about, and the Constitution is like the corporation's bylaws, explaining how the business will operate.

#### The Framers' Formula for Lasting Freedom

We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

Declaration of Independence

## The Declaration of Independence includes <u>four essential principles</u> that hold our freedom firmly in place:

- 1. SELF-EVIDENT TRUTHS The undeniable fact that moral absolutes exist.
- 2. ENDOWED BY OUR CREATOR Our unalienable right to individual freedom comes from God.
- 3. PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS The importance of free enterprise to our freedom.
- 4. CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED we have a voice in our government.

The American Revolution was fought for liberty WITH God and it led to the most successful nation in the history of the world. In 1776 the standard model of government was power flowed from God to the King to the people. The AMERICAN MODEL OF GOVERNMENT changed the order so that power flows from GOD directly to the PEOPLE and then power is given to the government as only WE THE PEOPLE deem appropriate.

Ultimately, God gives us our freedom, therefore government cannot take it away.

Source: Biblical Citizenship, in Modern America





2023 Indiana Legislative Session

### PARENT WINS!

#### HB 1447 - Obscene books / materials, Panorama, Activism

This bill has a lot of detail as originally written; the highlights:



INAPPROPRIATE BOOKS / MATERIALS: Removal of obscene or harmful books in school libraries. A person who knowingly disseminates material DESCRIBED IN 35-49-2 (Matter or Performance Harmful to Minors) commits a Level 6 felony.

PANORAMA / THIRD PARTY VENDORS: third-party cannot collect personal information from students



Requires schools to:

- attempt to obtain parent consent at least twice
- · post a copy of survey on website
- explain the reason for the survey



**INCENTIVISING ACTIVISIM:** If a school incentivizes a student to engage in any sort of political activism they can NOT require the student to affirm any action that would result in favoring any particular position on the issue and must also offer an alternative option for students.

## HB 1608 - Pre-K - 3 NO Sex discussions and Student Transgender requests



- NO HUMAN SEXUALITY discussion for grades PreK 3rd grade in classrooms/ schools.
- Schools must notify a parent of a student's request to change their name or pronoun.

#### HB 1001 - School Choice Expansion

Expanded eligibility for Choice Scholarships. Allows families to receive vouchers for students to attend private schools raising the family income ceiling from \$154,000 to \$220,000.

Eliminates the eight pathways currently in place to determine student eligibility for the voucher program.

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#### SB 380 - Graduation rates and dress code



Requires each school corporation to publish high school graduation rates on their website.

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#### Parents have more control in public library

### **PARENT WINS!**

### **HEPL - Hamilton East Public Library**

#### Library estimates roughly half the books in teen section will be moved to adult section due to explicit and inappropriate content

According to members of the Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees, "We are moving books that are age-inappropriate for the location that the Librarians chose to puth them. These books will be moved into the general collection of the library, which is accessible by all card holders. This policy will be used with all books purchased in the future."

To view the new HEPL library policy <u>CLICK HERE</u>. Materials in the youth, middle school and high school sections should be "age appropriate."



Micah Beckwith shared with <u>The Daily Signal</u>: "As a board, we have never asked staff to ban or remove any book from the library. All we've asked Hamilton East Public Library staff is to review books that could contain explicit graphic content. If any is found, we are not removing the book, we are just asking that it be placed in the adult section of the library so parents can have a little better grasp on what their children are reading. We welcome all viewpoints at the [Hamilton East Public Library], including those from parents who have voiced their concern that some of the content is too graphic or explicit for their children. We want to be an inclusive and tolerant environment for all."

### **HAVE YOU HEARD?**

## Carmel High School receives \$10,0000 to produce "community-wide Pride events"

"The "It Get's Better Project" awarded Carmel High School \$10,000. The organization claimed that these grants were made available to schools thanks to the "generous support of American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. In reference specifically to Carmel High School, the "It Gets Better Project" stated that the grant "will involve producing community-wide Pride events."

- 1. Carmel High School receives \$10k grant for community PRIDE events.
- Carmel High School organizes Carmel Pride festival complete with drag show for mature audience on public property.
- 3. And who are the sponsors who support this perversion?





## HAVE YOU HEARD?



## Indiana's "school choice" voucher program grew 20% last year — with more growth coming

Passed this legislative session, HB 1001 School choice expansion

Even more Hoosier students are expected to use vouchers in the next two years due to a program expansion. (HB 1001)

Indiana's private school voucher program grew by 20% in the 2022-23 school year — the largest increase in the number of students in nearly 10 years, according to a new report.

The Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE) annual Choice Scholarship Program analysis released this month showed state funds paid private school tuition for 53,262 Hoosier students.

That's compared to 44,376 students who used vouchers during the 2021-22 academic year.

With that growth came increased costs. The state spent \$311.8 million on the program in the 2022-23 school year — 29% more than the year prior.

Voucher participation and spending are expected to jump even more this fall after state lawmakers expanded the program to be nearly universal and open to almost all Hoosier families.

The broader eligibility provisions are projected to grow the voucher program to some 95,000 students by 2025 — and more than double the state money spent on the Choice Scholarships, costing taxpayers \$1.1 billion over the next two years.

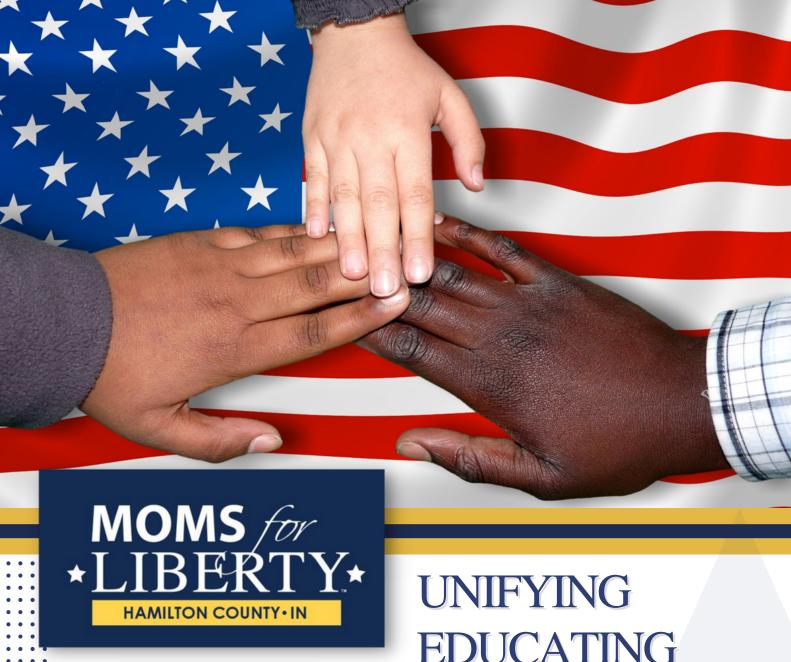
As the program continues to grow, the vouchers are additionally less likely to be linked to low-income assistance.

In 2022-23, only 28.1% of voucher households had an income below \$50,000, compared to 37.4% in the 2021-22 school year. Instead, most voucher recipient households were more likely to make over \$100,000 than under \$50,000.

"I think it's great that Indiana is funding families and giving opportunities to families from across the income spectrum," said Robert Enlow, president and CEO of EdChoice, an Indianapolis-based group that backs voucher programs. "It's a really good thing to see this growth in the Choice program, and I expect it to grow even more next year."

Source: Indiana Capital Chronical, June 14, 2023

We will **SUPPORT** and **DEFEND** the right of *all* parents to raise their children as they decide.



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