

Tell Congress: Oppose the President's Plans for Private School Vouchers

In his January 28 State of the Union Address, President Bush touted three separate initiatives that would divert taxpayer money to private and religious school vouchers:

- **“Pell Grants for Kids”** – a new \$300 million national voucher program that would help students pay for private and faith-based school expenses.
- **D.C. Vouchers** – the existing “D.C. Opportunity Scholarships” program, currently providing vouchers in the District of Columbia. The program, which has shown no evidence of positive results, is set to expire in September 2008, but the President would like to extend and expand it.
- **After-school vouchers** – \$800 million of scholarships for “21st Century Learning Opportunities.” This program would convert the existing 21st Century Community Learning Centers (after-school programs) to an individual voucher program. The program currently provides grants to school districts and community-based organization to provide after-school services.

Take Action Now:

Contact your representatives in Congress today and urge them to oppose any efforts to divert scarce taxpayer dollars away from public schools through private school vouchers..