



NEA-NH Supports AFT’s Legal Action to Ensure Every Child Has Access to a Quality Public Education

AFT-NH, Teachers and Parents to File Suit Today In Federal Court in New Hampshire Against ‘Divisive Concepts’ Law

New Hampshire educators want to provide every child an accurate and quality education that imparts honesty about who we are and integrity in how we treat others. Certain politicians want to censor the truth of our history and ban us from learning from the mistakes of our past.

“We agree with our colleagues at AFT that the divisive concepts law is flawed, and we support their efforts to advocate for students in court,” said Megan Tuttle, NEA-New Hampshire President.

From the time the bill was introduced until Governor Sununu signed it into law, NEA-NH vigorously opposed this measure.

AFT-New Hampshire, three New Hampshire public school teachers and two parents are filing a federal lawsuit today against the New Hampshire “divisive concepts” law that makes it illegal for public school educators to teach historic concepts such as racism, sexism or discrimination.

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Legislative Update: Voucher Expansion Proposal to Lead-off Session in January

By Brian Hawkins, NEA-New Hampshire Government Relations Director

When the legislature returns for the 2022 legislative session, the first order of business will be addressing vetoes and retained bills (bills held in committee from 2021). One of those retained bills held in House Education was HB 607, creating a local school voucher program. Republican leadership on the House Education Committee muscled a recommendation to pass this bill with an amendment, even permanently replacing one of their own members from committee who would not vote for this bill. The legislation would grant parents 80% of money raised and spent by the local school district per pupil, minus any special education portion, to pay for private or homeschooling. As many of you know, the bulk of school funding comes from the local education tax, making this a significant expansion of the current school voucher program. There is no income limit either on this program and so wealthy families' private school education would be subsidized by local property taxes, and that lost revenue would have a tremendous impact on school districts.

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HB 607 would create a school voucher plan that allocates your locally raised school taxes to fund school voucher accounts that can be used to pay for private, religious, or homeschooling.

This bill would also represent a dramatic expansion of the school voucher program which is already 5,000% over budget. HB 607 has little accountability built into it and outsources local property taxes to a third party that is not accountable to taxpayers.

Write to your state representative today and tell them to vote NO on HB 607.

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