

The facts speak for themselves: **Referendum 1** **puts Utah kids 1st!**

What does an education cost?

Did you know that taxpayers will spend more than \$7500¹ per student next year in public schools? The average voucher is less than \$2000². That means that every child that uses a voucher will save the public school system more than \$5500, which stays in local schools to increase funding for the students who remain there.

Local schools will have more money, and also fewer students. Funding per student goes up, while class sizes go down. It is simple mathematics.

Referendum #1 will Increase Per-Pupil Funding³

Cost to educate a student in a public school	7,500¹
Cost for a scholarship to a private school	-2,000²
Funding left for remaining students:	5,500

Costs are about to skyrocket

Did you know 150,000⁶ new students are projected to enter the school system in the next decade. That tidal wave of new students will put further strain on an already overtaxed system. Utah's class sizes are already the largest in the country.

Referendum 1 can help ease the burden on public schools by shifting some growth to private schools, where space already exists, at a much lower cost to taxpayers.

Sources

¹ Based on Minimum School Program funding and enrollment statistics for the 2007-2008 school year. Includes Capital and Debt Service (facilities costs). See <http://utahtaxpayer.blogspot.com/2007/08/7500-per-utah-k-12-student-in-fy2008.html>

² "The Fiscal Impact of School Choice by Susan Aud, PhD: <http://www.choiceineducation.org/documents/FiscalImpactofVouchersonUtah.pdf>

³ Utah Code 53A-1a-807. (The Parents Choice in Education Act.)

⁴ Utah State University: Estimating Demand and Supply Response to Tuition Tax Credits for Private School Tuition in Utah. Represents the capacity-weighted median tuition at K-8 private schools in Utah excluding the two highest outliers. Available online: <http://friedmanfoundation.org/friedman/downloadFile.do?id=22>

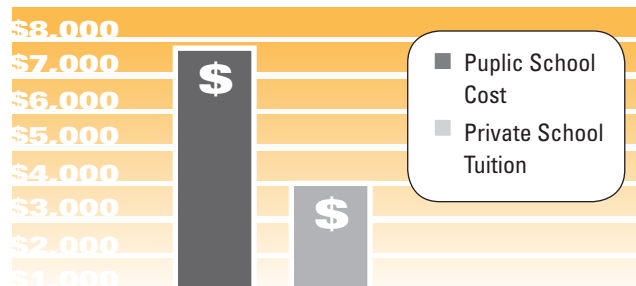
⁵ All studies available at <http://www.choiceineducation.org/research.php>. Several studies analyzed in a comprehensive study by Carolyn Hoxby, of Harvard University: http://post.economics.harvard.edu/faculty/hoxby/papers/hoxby_2.pdf

⁶ Utah State Office of Education. See http://www.schools.utah.gov/finance/other/AnnualReport/06ar/Statistics/STUDENTS/State_Enrollment_Projections.xls

What about Private Schools?

Did you know Private schools in Utah cost a lot less than most people think. In fact, we spend almost double on public schools than the tuition at an average K-8 private school.⁴

That's right. A legislative study proved that average private school tuition in Utah is under \$4,000⁴ per year. Many schools have tuition much less than that.



Scientific Studies Prove It: Referendum 1 Will Put Kids 1st

Did you know Scholarship programs already exist in Wisconsin, Ohio, Florida, Arizona, and Washington, DC. Studies⁵ of each of these programs have all shown that these programs put kids 1st:

- Funding for students in public schools goes up, allowing class size to go down
- Students who use vouchers are most likely to be low income children who struggle in public school
- Academic performance goes up for students who use vouchers, and for students who choose their local school

For more details and complete studies, visit:
<http://www.votefor1.org/research.asp>

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