

**“ONE SIZE
DOESN'T FIT
ALL”**

AMENDMENT 80: SAFEGUARDING SCHOOL CHOICE

CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION FOR COLORADO'S SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL CHOICE SYSTEM

THE PROBLEM

Colorado's popular and successful system of school choice includes the right to consider a wide range of traditional public, charter, and magnet schools, private schools, homeschool, or open enrollment options. This system has helped tens of thousands of families find schools that best fit their children's needs. It also creates robust and positive competition within the education system.

While school choice in Colorado has enjoyed strong bipartisan support, some education groups reject competition and annually push measures at the State Capitol to hamper or eliminate charter schools, magnet schools or otherwise limit parent empowerment.

THE SOLUTION

Ending the annual siege against school choice – and charter schools in particular – requires that the fundamental right to school choice be placed in the Colorado Constitution. This is a simple effort to protect the rights we already have in Colorado and place them permanently in the Constitution to benefit generations of families to come. This amendment will protect Colorado families from losing their rights to a future anti-choice Governor and Legislature who could eliminate families' freedom at will.



THE BALLOT LANGUAGE

“Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution establishing the right to school choice for children in kindergarten through 12th grade, and, in connection therewith, declaring that school choice includes neighborhood, charter, and private schools; home schooling; open enrollment options; and future innovations in education?”