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## A BETTER NEW HAMPSHIRE!

See what Libertarian solutions deliver for a better America and a better New Hampshire:

- **Increased school choice and high quality educational options**
- **Improved personal safety and protection from crime**
- **Better protection of the environment and New Hampshire's drinking water**
- **More respect for your personal, spiritual, and recreational choices.**
- **Enhanced affordability, quality, and personal choice in our health care system**
- **Stronger retirement security, economic prosperity, and reduced poverty**
- **Decreased tax burden and return of efficient, constitutionally limited government**

**The message and efforts of the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire are accelerating, and our membership is growing. Please join us in building a better New Hampshire.**

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## Libertarians

**A New Dawn for Freedom**



## Delivering World Class Education

Republicans and Democrats would like to convince you that state-mandated education—driven by taxpayer funded public schools—is the only answer for educating America's youth. This notion could not be any more false.

Private schools, and homeschooling, were the original schools in the United States. Today, about 8 million children, or around 14%, are educated outside of state schools, attending 27,000 private schools across the country. And this number grows every year.

Public schools cost as much as **\$25,000 per student per year** to run, with most states averaging \$15,000. Even elite private school tuition is less than that. Parochial schools average only \$4500.

Even with that additional money devoted to education, the government schools can't get the job done. Instead, public schools are, in essence, rewarded for bad behavior. For example, American high school SAT scores fell an average of 50 points between 1970 and 1995. During the same time, *federal spending on education nearly doubled* - from \$19 billion to \$35 billion.

## **Get the federal government out of education**

Libertarians believe the decision-making capabilities and money for education should be left to the states, communities and parents. Since 1980, more than \$550 billion has been routed through the federal bureaucrats in the Department of Education. The federal government accounts for about 6 percent of all educational spending, but roughly one-third of all regulations. **Regulations do not make education better.**

Libertarians don't believe we are getting a good return on our investment in public schools. Providing more choices in education is a positive step. Enact a federal **dollar-for-dollar tax credit** for any individual (or company) who pays for a child's education. Such a program in Arizona has raised \$32 million since 1997 and has funded more than 19,000 scholarships - 80 percent of which are for children from financially needy families. Nationally, such programs give parents more choice, allowing them to choose the educational services that are best for their children.

If the government wants to ensure that "no child is left behind", it should keep more money and more choices in the hands of the American people, rather than taking those choices away.

### **Why do private schools do better?**

The secret is the free market. In other words, private schools must educate

students well, or parents will opt to send their children to another school. The idea is that simple.

Education, like any other service, is best provided by the free market, achieving greater quality and efficiency with more diversity of choice. Schools should be managed locally to achieve greater accountability and parental involvement. Recognizing that the education of children is inextricably linked to moral values, we would return authority to parents to determine the education of their children, without interference from government. In particular, parents should have control of and responsibility for all funds expended for their children's education.

### **Our overworked teachers are too valuable to waste**

Too many American schools are not safe, and too many children do not get the education they need for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

"Too many" has a common cause. An unaccountable bureaucracy and teachers forced to spend their time on paperwork and pedagogy rather than their subject matter and helping students learn.

Bringing back competition to education, just like every other service, would unleash new resources and creativity to **empower teachers to teach and children to learn.** The very future of our republic demands better than we are getting now.

## **What We'll Do For You**

*The Libertarian Party* brings to you a group focused on doing political work to help you gain increased individual freedom, less intrusive laws and regulations, local control, equality before the law, smaller government, and lower taxes.

To help liberty activists, people like you, we're here to:

- Recruit and support candidates
- Support local groups you can join
- Find other libertarians you can meet
- Educate your neighbors on libertarian issues and objectives
- Ally with like-minded groups

When you want to get involved, join the Libertarian Party. We're here to *help you help yourself and your community.*

***Will you join us today?***

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