



## Take the 1-407 Challenge for Public Schools

- 1** Email/call Governor DeSantis' office.
- 4** Email/call 4 additional legislators. The next stop for SB 202 is the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- 0** Give a current or former educator a hug. Thank them for all they do!
- 7** Speak with seven people - friends, neighbors, family members. Tell them what you learned today and then ask them to do the same thing.

## Talking Points

- The Florida Policy Institute estimates the cost for the initial year of universal voucher implementation is \$4 billion. Florida cannot afford this.
- 85% of Florida families currently choose public schools. Their choice must be honored by fully funding public schools.
- Florida currently funds its public schools \$4,000 per pupil less than the national average.
- In states where similar voucher programs have been implemented, 80%+ of taxpayer money goes to families already paying for private school tuition.
- Current voucher programs are not at capacity, so expanding eligibility is unnecessary.
- 1,598 of 2,311 voucher schools in Florida are unaccredited (69%).

## Additional resources:

Florida Policy Institute- <https://floridapolicy.org> "The Cost of Universal Vouchers"

Alliance for Public Schools- <https://all4schools.org/vouchers>

Families for Strong Public Schools- <https://strongflschools.com/take-action/>

League of Women Voters Florida- <https://lwvfl.org/issues/education/>

Orange County Classroom Teachers Association- <https://orangecta.com>