

Open Letter to the Republican Party

From the Shadow Cabinet - Secretary of Education

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Is the Republican Party, their party line, against the best interests of children and parents' and only care about money?

The Republican party is telling their constituents that they have the “right to choose” between a free complete service offered by the State to the public, paid by their taxes, or a pay service with tax money for vouchers, in which parents have to supplement the vouchers out of their own pocket (in the hundreds) for less services (No services for special education, no ramp access, no adequate elevators, no appropriate bathroom facilities, no complete educational equipment required, no suitable specialized teachers and more less benefits plus the relinquishing of students' and parents' rights –like IDEA--, and without any accountability).

This leaves children in the lowest end of private schools, as is charter schools, which are rooted in profit (that's why they give less and charge more) and whose main purpose is to indoctrinate children in religion.

When parents and families cannot afford the extra hundreds of dollars that charter schools require, above the public tax money, adding their costs for uniforms and high fees for school activities, then, millions of children are left ignorant and behind their peers worldwide in the most powerful country in the world.

The DeVos family own 112 private educational businesses with profits in the millions and net worth in the billions of dollars and make that money on the exploitation of the less privileged, the neediest, and the population with the least access to information.

They are able to keep their unfair, immoral and greedy businesses by spending millions in lobbying and supporting Christian radical Right Conservative candidates, and others, to legally and logistically backing their profitable business to the detriment of the poor.

The DeVos family because of their wealth, and within the rich of their power, control which Republican gets elected and which one does not.

On the same note, the Republican Party does not supports any improvements in their constituent's free public education, but rather works to protect the millions of dollars the party and their congressmen, governors, mayors, and government executives receive from the DeVos family.

The Republican Party is supposed to make sure that the State education service to the public, is complete, inclusive and of most benefit to the children and their parents, because the public school system represents and shows the care and excellence of the government for their constituents.

The Republican Party, in full party line, instead is putting tax money for private and religious enterprises that indoctrinate children and offer less benefit at a higher cost for the parents and children's families.

The Republican Party did not support a Secretary of Education committed to the best service of public education, demonstrated by the capacity of the government to make Americans the best educated and competitive in the world. But instead, it's promoting a Secretary of Education with more than three decades of experience solely in creating charter schools, which are known for indoctrinating children in religion and making charter schools, the mediocre lowest end of private education, for profit, and as the alternative to an excellent and superior public education.

The Republican Party is not interested in health for all but neither it is interested in a high quality of free education for all children.

To prove that the Republican Party, in party line, is against the best interest of children and parents in their view of free public education, the Republican Party strongly and fully supports billionaire, advocator and practitioner of profiting from education, Betsy DeVos, with zero education training and academic credentials, with zero knowledge and involvement in public education development, with no experience in managing special education, and with no experience whatsoever in public education and the administration of large public education budget.

Money is the incentive of competition in private enterprises, and must not be the incentive in an environment of knowledge within the obligatory, neutral, complete and inclusive free service of education for all children.

Money is the source of Ms. DeVos' power and expertise. She has no knowledge or experience in managing education without charge as an unprofitable service offered to the poor, and without any indoctrination.

Ms. DeVos is the antithesis of what the United States, the children and parents need to make free education in the US the best in the world.

Ms. DeVos' policies and goals destroy the constitutional obligation of the state to educate every child, without any profit or indoctrination.

Only because of Devos' money is the Republican Party, in party line, adding the worst conflict and chaos to the eager for solutions free public education.

The chaos created by the irresponsible ignorance on the different kind of immigrants and their importance in United States businesses will be insignificant to the chaos generated by putting the Department of Education under the leadership of a person completely ignorant of the complexities of national education and the strategic importance of free public education for all children.

Forget how embarrassing and absurd that is and consider the irreparable long time consequences, the constituent's revolt and the chaos for children such a Republican Party, in party line, choice will bring to the United States.

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