



2021 Assembly Joint Resolution 3

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: declaring January 24 to 30, 2021, School Choice Week and recognizing the importance of giving parents the choice in the educational path for their children.

Whereas, the school choice program was first launched in Milwaukee in 1990 to offer low-income students the opportunity to pick their schools; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program was the first of its kind in the United States and has since grown to educate more than 28,900 students in 129 schools; and

Whereas, if the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program was a school district, it would be the second largest in the state; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin Legislature expanded school choice to Racine in 2011, statewide in 2013, and to the special needs scholarships in 2015; and

Whereas, the statewide and Racine programs educate more than 10,400 students in 239 schools; and

Whereas, choice schools see significant success in student achievement and are regularly lauded as innovators in education; and

Whereas, the largest school choice option in Wisconsin is open enrollment, with over 60,000 students statewide transferring school districts; and

Whereas, charter and virtual schools provide another educational option to families; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature hereby declares January 24 to 30, 2021, School Choice Week and recognizes the importance of giving parents the choice in the educational path for their children.

Senator Chris Kapenga
President of the Senate

Representative Robin J. Vos
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

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Acting Assembly Chief Clerk