

POLICY PRIORITIES

TEACHERS AND LEADERS WHO MAKE THE GRADE

Teachers and principals are the two most important in-school factors for student success. We can dramatically improve student learning when we have effective, well-trained educators who truly believe that all children can learn and who have the tools and autonomy to act on that conviction.

Stand for Children supports:

- Access to high-quality teacher and principal training that prepares professionals for the realities of today's classrooms and the reform initiatives currently underway
- Meaningful evaluations for all educators that include multiple types of data to show student growth and achievement
- Providing teachers and principals with professional development and mentoring opportunities that help them improve their practice
- Charging school district leaders with setting aggressive goals for students and executing clear plans to reach them

SETTING A HIGH BAR

Students are entering an increasingly competitive workforce, so it's our duty to prepare them to thrive – not just survive. Schools and districts that set high standards and utilize meaningful assessment tools to measure progress will move us closer to that goal.

Stand for Children supports:

- Implementing consistent, rigorous academic standards, including the Common Core, that prepare students to meet the demands of the 21st century
- Providing timely and useful assessment data that give teachers and principals the information they need to effectively plan instruction
- Ensuring that students have the reading skills they need to be lifelong learners and that teachers have the knowledge and skills to get them there
- Putting appropriate interventions in place when a school is not serving its students well and holding district leadership responsible for successfully implementing those interventions

RESOURCES WELL SPENT

Public education is one of the most important investments we can make in our future. In today's tight economy, the way we spend our money is more important than ever. We need to make sure that Colorado's public schools have the resources to give all children an excellent education.

Stand for Children supports:

- Increased and sustainable funding for public education that places a greater emphasis on programs that will create the best outcomes for students
- Providing equal opportunities for all Colorado students to be successful in higher education and the workforce
- Recruiting and rewarding highly qualified teachers and principals
- Giving all schools, regardless of model, access to the money, materials, and facilities they need

A CHOICE AND A VOICE

Students learn in different ways, so parents need to be able to choose the public school that will best serve their children, whether that school is traditional, charter, or innovation.

Stand for Children supports:

- Replicating and expanding successful school models
- Creating and implementing new schools and programs that have the highest chance of helping students learn
- Giving parents the information they need to choose the right school for their children



We build our policy agenda with our members by identifying the issues that will make the greatest difference for Colorado's students.

OUR VISION

We believe all children deserve an equal opportunity to succeed in life. Public education is the key that unlocks the door to success, but far too many children, through no fault of their own, aren't getting the education they need to make it in life. We at Stand are passionately committed to righting this wrong.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to ensure that all children, regardless of their background, graduate from high school prepared for, and with access to, a college education. To make this happen, we:

- Educate and empower parents, teachers, and community members to demand excellent schools
- Advocate for local, state, and national education policies and investments and ensure those policies effectively impact classrooms and students
- Elect courageous leaders who will stand up for our priorities

OUR MEMBERS

Stand for Children is made up of parents, teachers, and community members who elect and influence state and local officials to make meaningful improvements to public schools. Our members make a profound difference for children, while acquiring lifelong skills to lead their communities.

