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# The Voucher Scam: Resource Guide



## 1. Vote, vote, vote!

- **Start here** to make sure you're registered to vote
- Bookmark this site because they provide amazing voting guides and can help you create your voting plan
- Voting is fun! Find a friend to hold you accountable and make it even more fun!



## 2. Know your reps

- Find who represents you **here**
- Make a contact in your phone for each of your reps
- Sign up for their newsletters
- Reach out to them in any way you're willing (sample script below):
  - Call their office
  - Email them
  - Tweet at them



## 3. Follow education advocacy groups

- Sign up for their alerts and newsletters to stay up to date
- Follow them on social media
- This list isn't exhaustive but it's starting point:
  - **Raise Your Hand Texas**
  - **Texas Freedom Network**
  - **Texas Classroom Teachers Association**
  - **Pastors for Texas Children**
  - **Texas - American Federation of Teachers**



## 4. Want to be heard at the Texas Capitol?

- First, you need to register and you will find **basic info here**
- This **page** walks you through the steps for when you arrive at the capitol
- If you decide to testify, **this is a great guide** from Equality Texas so you can feel prepared
- Texas Freedom Network also has **a great guide**

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## 5. Can't go to the Capitol but want to be heard?

Everyone can't make the trip to Austin but your voice is still important!

- Email your representative and senator
- Call your representative and senator
- Send them a letter or post card
- Tweet (or X) at them



## 6. Post on social media daily

- Lawmakers need to know we're watching and that we don't want vouchers
- Tag us and other groups in your posts so we can amplify each other
- Below is a list of folks who post anti-voucher info that you can repost (help us add to the list if you know of someone we haven't included)
- Social media posts found [here](#)
- Please share any social media post ideas - we love inspiration!
- Use hashtags: #voucherscam #saynotovouchers #vouchershurt #texed #txlege



## 7. Be an ambassador for the cause with your friends & family

- Share the podcast so they can get up to speed
- Send them this resource guide



## 8. Host a podcast listening party

- Do you have friends and family who need to know what's happening?
- Make it a party!
- Use our discussion questions (see next page) after listening together to keep the conversation going
- Pledge to take action steps together

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## Need help getting started? Sample language for calls and letters:

I am against any education voucher program of any size.

They will harm public education by diverting funds from our public schools that are already significantly underfunded.

We must commit to fully funding public schools. We must commit to meeting our Texas Constitutional obligation to provide a free public education to EVERY child.

We must commit to paying our teachers what they deserve and addressing our state's significant teacher shortage.

The time to protect our children and public education is now. This matters to me because....

Can I count on you to protect all Texas children and public education?



## Episode 1 Discussion Questions

1. How did Jeanne's story make you feel?
2. What's the most infuriating part of this voucher fight?
3. What do you still wonder about?



## Check out these folks on social media who post about vouchers.

### Let us know who we ought to add to our list.

- Raise Your Hand Texas
- Pastors for Texas Children
- Every Texan
- Texas School Alliance
- IDRA
- Christopher Tackett
- Mendi Tackett

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