



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The American worldview rests upon the notion that with vision, tenacity, courage, and belief, anyone can indeed achieve anything. This strain of thought has, for nearly a quarter millennium, enabled America and her people to rise ever upward from humble beginnings and reshape the world for the better. We cannot, however, take this seminal American Dream for granted. The spirit of liberty, hope, and opportunity that has long defined our people is a torch that is passed through the generations. We must therefore protect our children's future and ensure that they have the opportunity to achieve their limitless potential. Education stands as perhaps the foremost means to this end.

The lifelong journey of education unfolds differently for each pupil, with as many kinds of learning as there are kinds of students. A one-size-fits-all approach served us well in ages past, but if we are to retain our preeminence on the world stage and provide the best possible future for our children, we must embrace complexity, diversity, and nuance in the realm of education. In this spirit, Texas' educational landscape is sophisticated, diversified, and modernized, and families have a wide array of options that vary in structure and modality in order to meet students' particular needs. Parents can choose traditional public schools, private schools, charter schools, magnet schools, or homeschooling, and they can choose an online or in-person format to suit their family's needs.

School choice ensures that children and families remain at the center of our education system, but its positive influence extends far beyond the classroom. When students are given an education tailored to their needs, values, skills, and ambitions, they are better prepared for adulthood and will be able to take on more demanding roles as our society faces unprecedented challenges. Americans have long encouraged children to dream big and believe in themselves, and school choice takes this premise seriously by opening wide the doors of opportunity and making these dreams more attainable. School choice is an empowering approach to education, and it will continue to benefit our economy, our society, and—most importantly—our families for years to come.

Each year, students, parents, teachers, administrators, and leaders throughout our nation observe School Choice Week in order to celebrate the freedom, empowerment, and opportunity that school choice provides families. At this time, I encourage all Texans—regardless of their background or socioeconomic status—to learn more about the many educational options available to them, and I likewise encourage parents to find the learning environment that best suits their children's needs. By so doing, we will pave the way for a better, brighter future and ensure that our students are able to claim their rightful portion of the great American Dream.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 22–28, 2023, to be

## **School Choice Week**



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature, this the  
6th day of January, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".  
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Governor of Texas