



LEGISLATIVE POSITION MEMO

Philadelphia Federation of Teachers
Jerry T. Jordan, President

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TO: Members of the General Assembly

CC: Hon. Governor Josh Shapiro, Hon. Secretary of Education Dr. Khalid Mumin

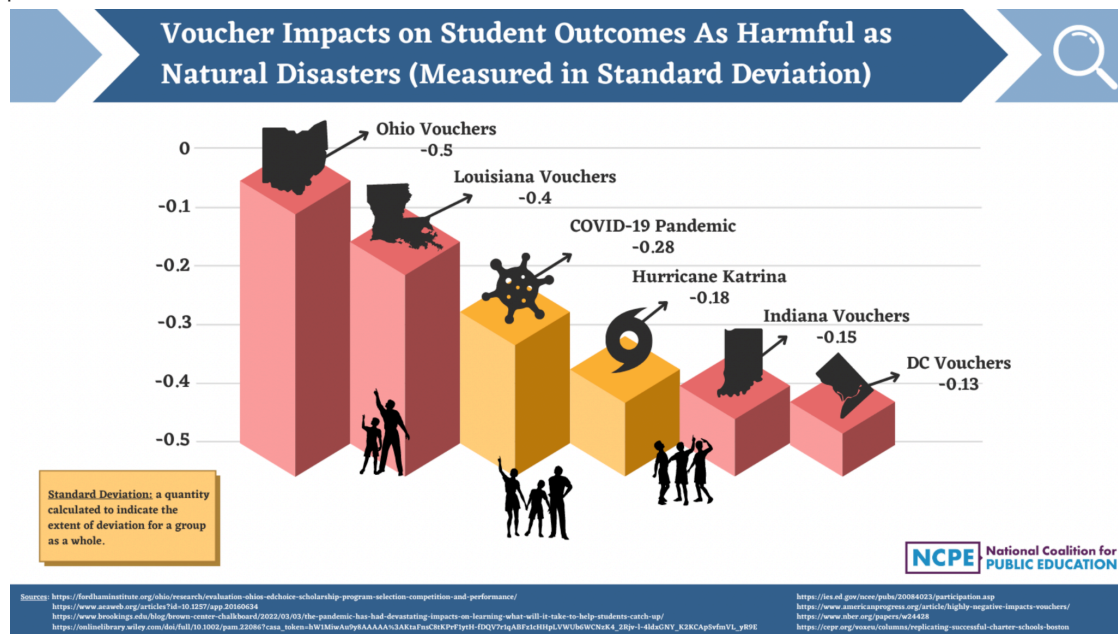
FROM: Jerry T. Jordan, President

RE: SUPPLEMENTAL MEMO ON VOUCHER RESEARCH

To delve further into our opposition to vouchers in any form (referenced in our legislative [overview memo of March 12, 2024](#)), I encourage you to examine the research behind vouchers, and reach out to us if you have any questions.

National Coalition for Public Education Toolkit

NCPE has a [toolkit](#) on vouchers that provides important information and facts. NCPE has also created two infographics based on work with Josh Cowen that look at how recent voucher results compare to the [impact](#) of disasters like COVID-19 on student performance and how voucher programs primarily serve students [already](#) in private schools.



EdVotersPA Report on EITC/OSTC

EdVotersPA has issued an [extensively researched report](#) that outlines a litany of concerns with Pennsylvania's existing, and ever-expanding, EITC/OSTC program:

"Private and religious schools that receive EITC/OSTC funding are allowed to discriminate against and refuse to enroll students for any reason, including disability, race, socio-economic status, and sexual orientation.

"There is no evidence that more than TWO BILLION tax dollars spent on these programs have had a positive impact on student achievement in the Commonwealth because state law prohibits the collection of information about students' academic progress."

Read more from [EdVotersPA here](#).