



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Committee on SJR 9

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I strongly oppose SJR 9 for the following reasons:

- Our Constitution was written to specifically separate Church and state, and to keep public tax dollars working for public purposes. This was not a mistake, it is just how it should be.
- Vouchers for private schools will not improve the quality of education - it will damage the quality of education by duplicating bureaucracy and failing to hold private schools accountable.
- We will end up with a poorer quality education system while we'll need to spend more money for that lowered quality.
- So called "parental choice" is a dangerous and deceptive term. Alaska currently has a great system of public charter schools.

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