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It seems to me that this is nothing but pandering to the teachers unions and the current educational structure, trying to ensure that there is no additional competition to existing school systems. If we would like to provide the best access we can to the parents of students, please stop jiggering the laws and just allow the use of vouchers for education so that the dollars can follow the children to wherever the parents would like it to. This will allow the parents of the students to make choices based upon what they believe is the best choice with their money. Remember please, that it is their money that you are taking in taxes and using to fund the state sponsored school system. Please do not put additional blocks in the way of school choice. If the parents are already willing to transport children to different districts, or support virtual schools, why put in place additional block to parental decisions and increase the costs for that choice to parents. Thank you for your attention.