

I have a friend with 3 Christian adult sons who were taught in public schools and all of them went to college. Each of them now earns 6 figures. They have some gay friends, but none of them were “taught” to be gay in school. All of what these young men learned about trans or other gender and attraction orientations was learned from the internet, not at school. Schools do not teach what some of you claim, and they certainly don’t change your kids gender, as Trump had falsely reported. Private school Evangelical proponents are after our tax dollars, meant to educate ALL American children. Most of the GOP is spreading lies about public education to get our Public tax money. Keep private schools privately funded, and leave public school funding alone! Most parents don’t want religion taught in our schools. Recent surveys used by the billionaire funded proponents of vouchers, or ‘school choice’, have been worded in a way to elicit a positive response for Vouchers. When Texans are asked about taking public school funding for private school use, the overwhelming majority say NO to vouchers. Rural schools will be hurt the most as they are already inadequately funded by the state. If the state supported each public school child with the \$10,000 proposed for vouchers, rather than the current \$6,100, public schools would improve exponentially. All studies point to the fact that the vouchers will primarily benefit the white wealthier student. Our Legislators have been bought and paid for and bullied and do not represent all of us!

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