

ACTION ALERT - Our Schools

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THIS NEWS JUST IN FROM MIKE HUMKE, a local school board member and long-time Grassroots member: The Dodgeville schools currently receive \$1,516 less per student from state funding than do Milwaukee and Racine voucher schools. The same goes for River Valley (\$2,502 less), Pecatonica (\$799 less); Platteville (\$1,334 less) and Richland Center (\$1,008 less). Voucher funding is expected to go up by \$1058 per student (from \$6442 to \$7500) in the next two years while public schools will be allotted \$0. So the disparity between public and voucher schools will grow every year. Since the year 2000, nearly \$750,000 that the Dodgeville Schools District should have received has gone instead to voucher schools in the Milwaukee area.

SO WHAT SHOULD YOU DO ABOUT IT? The State Legislature is currently writing legislation that would expand voucher schools. Check with your local school superintendent or school board member to get all the facts. **THEN CALL YOUR STATE SENATOR AND REP.** to let them know your opinion about the bill. Go to the Grassroots [Legislators](#) page for up-to-date contact info.

For more information you can see a memo sent to State Representative Sondy Pope-Roberts, [click here](#). For more on Gov. Walker's plans, you can read this [JSOnline article](#).