

# School Choice?

# THE REAL STORY

*"Subsidizing individual decisions that do not generate a public good or service...is an inappropriate use of public money."*

Center for Tax & Budget Accountability, 2015

Vouchers, Tax Credit Scholarships, & Education Savings Accounts Shift State Funds From Public Schools to Unaccountable Private Schools

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**\$811-million**  
Cost of choice programs in Arizona  
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The price of school choice to Indiana's state budget? \$200-million in FY2016 alone.

Sources: Arizona Department of Revenue, FY1998-FY2014; Center for Tax & Budget Accountability, 2015

## Test Scores Go Down

Louisiana's voucher students lost half a school year's learning in math & lost ground in reading, science, & social studies.

Private school voucher students 24-50% more likely than public school peers to score below basic (failing) in all tested subjects..

50%



*"Louisiana Scholarship Program (voucher) participation substantially reduces academic achievement."*

Source: School Vouchers & Student Achievement: First-Year Evidence from Louisiana Scholarship Program, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2015

## Numbers Don't Lie

"Nobody would take my child."

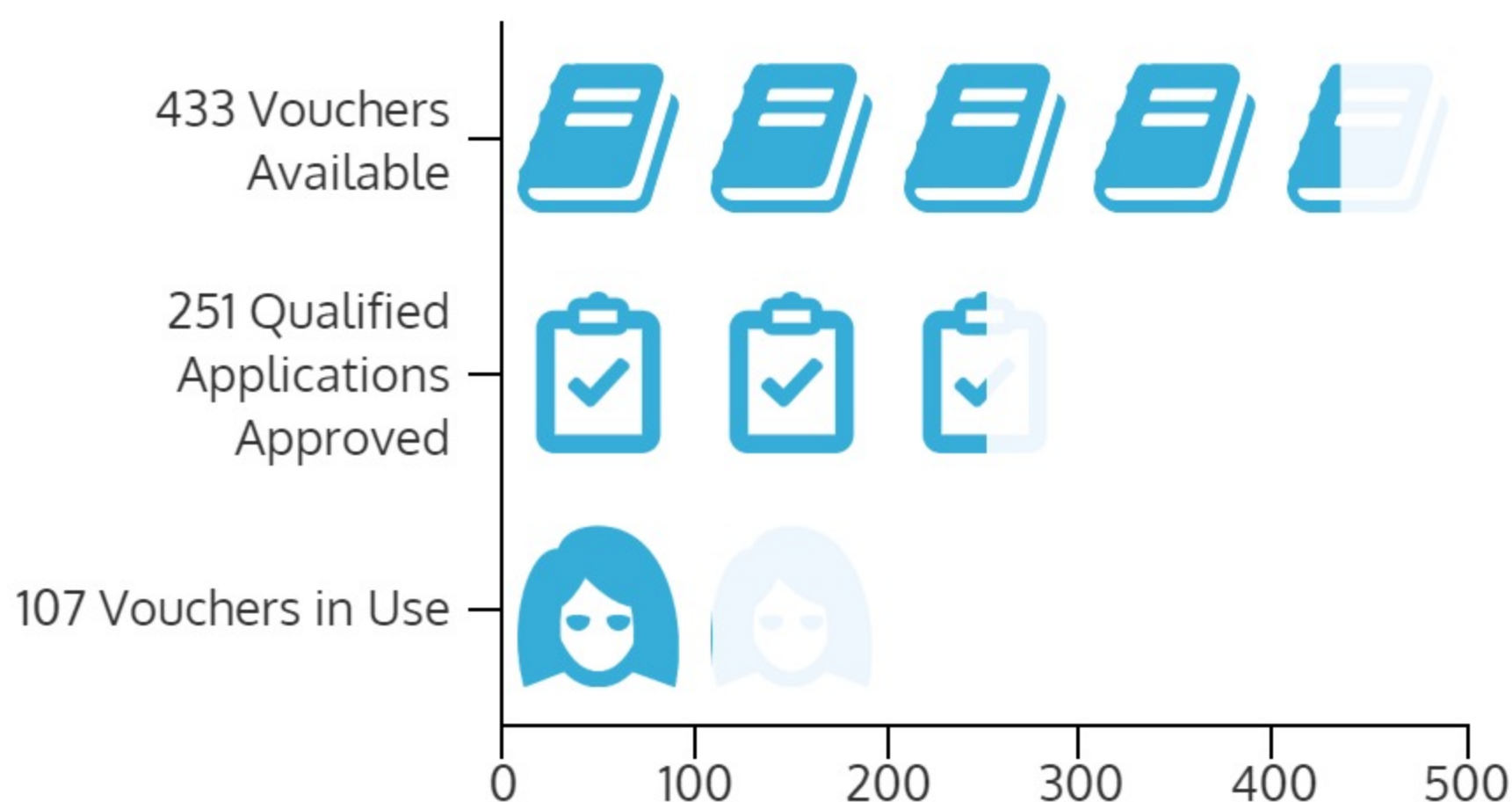
25 Years of Choice & Competition HAS NOT WORKED FOR MILWAUKEE

8 out of 10 Milwaukee public and voucher school students are NOT proficient in math & reading.



Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, 2014

Special Needs Vouchers - It's the Schools that Choose  
In MS, some private schools refused admission to special needs children who had been approved for vouchers.



Source: Mississippi Department of Education, 2015

What does work? Investing in public schools, which educate all children, as demonstrated by national and global achievement leaders - Massachusetts, Finland, Korea, etc.