



### **About the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program**

The Florida Legislature created the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program in 2001, empowering low-income families by giving them a voice in their children's education and the ability to access private schools. The program allows corporations to donate to nonprofit scholarship funding organizations and receive dollar-for-dollar tax credits against certain Florida taxes.

For the 2015-2016 school year, nearly 80,000 students across Florida are using the scholarships to attend a school chosen by their parents. More than 70 percent are minorities, and their average family income is \$25,557 for a household of four, just 7 percent above the poverty level. Data shows scholarship students were typically the ones who struggled the most in public schools, but are now making solid progress in their new schools. Studies also show the program saves taxpayer money, in large part because the value of the scholarship (\$5,677 this year) is roughly 60 percent of what taxpayers spend per-pupil in public schools.

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### **About the Save Our Scholarships Coalition**

The Save Our Scholarships Coalition was formed to oppose the lawsuit that aims to end the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. It is made up of parents, school choice advocates, faith-based leaders and educators. Its members include BAEO, Hispanic CREO, Agudath Israel of Florida, the Orthodox Jewish Union, The Florida African American Ministers Alliance For Choice, The American Federation For Children, Florida Voices For Choices, and others.

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### **About the Black Alliance for Educational Options**

The Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) is a national non-profit education advocacy organization founded in 2000 by prominent Black educators, elected officials and civil rights activists. BAEO's mission is to increase access to high-quality educational options for Black children by actively supporting transformational education reform initiatives and parental choice policies that empower low-income and working-class Black families.

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### **About the Florida African American Ministers Alliance for Choice**

The Florida African American Ministers Alliance for Choice (FAAMAC) is a group of more than one hundred ministers in the state who have publicly demanded that the lawsuit against the



scholarship program be dropped. The membership of the alliance extends from Miami to Pensacola.

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### **About the Hispanic Council for Educational Reform and Options**

Founded in 2001, Hispanic CREO addresses the crisis in Hispanic education by helping parents advocate for their children and for policies that expand educational opportunity. It educates, informs and mobilizes parents on issues surrounding school choice, and works to create coalitions with parents, schools, community leaders, faith-based organizations and others.