

Pastor Greene's remarks at ICPE Statehouse Day of Action 2/19/24 :

I stand with all of you because I believe what former Congressman Steve Kagen from Wisconsin said: ***"If we get public education right, everything else will follow. But if we get it wrong, not much else will matter."***

- When our state siphons off funds to private and unaccountable hands, it is getting it wrong.
- When our state mandates that referendum dollars for public schools must be shared with charter schools, it is getting it wrong.
- When our state has funding models that bring more resources to the wealthy areas than to the disenfranchised parts of our community, it is getting it wrong.
- When our state chooses to focus on the retention of 3rd graders and not on the additional resources to help our teachers and our children with reading, it is getting it wrong.
- When our state refuses to lower the mandatory age for school to 6 and not 7, it is getting it wrong.
- When our state refuses to fund adequately, Pre-K and Kindergarten classes, it is getting it wrong.

An attack on public education is an attack on our democracy. And guess what? We must all fight back!