





Look Before YOU LEAP

**Proposition 119, Learning Enrichment
and Academic Progress program -
the scam to steal from public schools**






While Proposition 119 proposes to provide after-school learning opportunities for children, it does nothing to address the underfunding of our public schools.





Instead it opens the door for the private sector to tap into critically needed public education funding for a private enterprise.




Proposition 119 robs money from public schools.



- It diverts \$21 million annually from School Trust Land revenue that currently goes towards funding for public schools.
 - This violates the state's Constitutional requirement that State Land Trust funds are to be used only for public schools.
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- The new bureaucracy created by LEAP would have twice the annual budget of CDE.
 - It could compete with public schools for state and federal funds and grants.
 - The additional sales tax on retail marijuana that is part of the funding for LEAP could drive marijuana sales into the “black market.”
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It creates an unaccountable and unnecessary bureaucracy, designed for private profit.


- This newly created bureaucracy would have full authority to operate independently with no transparency or accountability to any state agency.
 - The unelected governing board would have the power to develop its own eligibility criteria for providers with no state input or oversight, ripe for fraud and misuse of funds.
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- It shields the bureaucracy and providers from being sued.
 - The \$1500 per year per participating child paid to providers makes it attractive to for-profit corporate providers.
 - The providers are not required to undergo the safety checks required of school personnel.
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- It creates a voucher-like program by using public money for private enterprises.
 - It is equally available to private school and home-schooled students - but not available to undocumented students, who are served in public schools.
 - Similar outside-of-school tutoring services provided under NCLB were found to be ineffective.




It claims to help poor children, but is deceptive.

- While low-income children are prioritized, there is no guarantee that enough will apply, allowing wealthy students to be funded.
 - The proposal does not address how low-income students will be identified and invited to participate.
 - Parents don't need more stress in navigating a new bureaucracy in order to apply for LEAP.
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- No criteria are established to ensure that the program would address the special needs of poor children.
 - There are already millions of dollars of federal emergency relief funds available to provide in-school help that guarantees a safe environment with professional educators.
 - Local school districts know the needs of their students better than a private agency.



It invades families' privacy.

- It implies that children will not qualify for the program unless their families can provide tax documentation of their family income.
 - The agency is required to prioritize integration of data with school districts, but data privacy is not guaranteed.
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Opponents of Proposition 119

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Working Families Party Colorado
AFL-CIO Pipefitters
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AFSCME Taxpayers for Public Education
Uniting4Kids
Advocates for Public Education (A4PEP)
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
Colorado Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA)
Colorado Democratic Latino Initiative (CLI)
Colorado Energy and Environment Initiative (CEEI)
Colorado Democratic Education Initiative (CODEI)
Colorado Education Association (CEA) withdrew support



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