

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 177

Reps. Smit, Rigas, Jaime Greene, Steele, Schuette, Fox, Markkanen and Wozniak offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 21-27, 2024, as School Choice  
2 Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, All children in Michigan should have the right to the  
4 highest quality schools possible; and

5 Whereas, Citizens across Michigan agree that improving the  
6 quality of education and expanding access to highly effective  
7 schools should be issues of importance to our state's leaders; and

8 Whereas, Michigan recognizes the critical role that an  
9 effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing  
10 all children to be successful in a global economy; and

11 Whereas, There are a multitude of high-quality public schools,

1 public charter schools, home schools, and nonpublic schools in the  
2 state of Michigan; and

3       Whereas, Approximately ten percent of all K-12 students in  
4 Michigan attend a public charter school; and

5       Whereas, Approximately another ten percent of all K-12  
6 students in Michigan attend a private school; and

7       Whereas, Tens of thousands of students are homeschooled in  
8 Michigan; and

9       Whereas, Overall in Michigan, one in four K-12 students  
10 participates in school of choice by attending schools in  
11 neighboring districts; and

12       Whereas, Michigan has many outstanding teaching professionals  
13 across the state who are committed to educating children; and

14       Whereas, The vital cause of education reform is one that  
15 transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and

16       Whereas, Research in Michigan and across the nation  
17 demonstrates conclusively that providing parents with multiple  
18 schooling options improves academic performance; now, therefore, be  
19 it

20       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
21 this legislative body declare January 21-27, 2024, as School Choice  
22 Week in the state of Michigan. We call this observance to the  
23 attention of all our citizens; and be it further

24       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the  
25 National School Choice Week organization with our highest esteem.