

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 210**

1 A resolution to affirm our commitment to the fundamental
2 rights of parents to direct the education of their children, and
3 call on Governor Whitmer to publicly acknowledge these rights.

4 Whereas, The fundamental right of parents over the upbringing
5 of their children has been unequivocally established in the United
6 States. Parents are in the best position to know their own child's
7 needs and circumstances, and therefore, should maintain authority
8 over all decisions that could impact the health and well-being of
9 their children; and

10 Whereas, Education remains a critical part of any child's
11 upbringing. The "natural fundamental right of parents and legal
12 guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education
13 of their children" has been a cornerstone declaration in Michigan
14 law for over 25 years; and

1 Whereas, Public schools are directed to listen to and respect
2 the wishes of parents in the development of academic standards and
3 curricula. The Michigan Revised School Code provides, "the public
4 schools of this state serve the needs of the pupils by cooperating
5 with the pupil's parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil's
6 intellectual capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and
7 positive environment"; and

8 Whereas, Some education systems and elected officials across
9 the country have been disregarding or infringing on parents' rights
10 related to their children's education. For example, radical
11 politics have permeated public school curricula, resulting in
12 education that amounts to political indoctrination. In addition,
13 parents who try to object are either ignored, shamed or silenced;
14 and

15 Whereas, In October 2021, the Legislature sought to empower
16 parents and children by providing scholarships to enhance the
17 educational experience of Michigan students in a multitude of ways.
18 Governor Gretchen Whitmer, driven by a denial of the basic premise
19 that Michigan parents and students must have freedom and
20 flexibility over education, vetoed this legislation; and

21 Whereas, Parents have the right to ensure that their children
22 are receiving appropriate education. It is essential that parents'
23 voices are respected and incorporated into the development of
24 academic curricula; now, therefore, be it

25 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we affirm our
26 commitment to the fundamental rights of parents to direct the
27 education of their children; and be it further

28 Resolved, That we call on Governor Gretchen Whitmer to
29 publicly acknowledge the fundamental right of parents over the

1 upbringing of their children, including a central role in what it
2 is their children are learning; and be it further

3 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
4 Governor, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the
5 State Board of Education.