

## **Real Education Means Giving**

### **Students Freedom To Choose Course of Study**

Michigan government is destroying education and destroying the future for our children. We are not providing each child with the opportunity to succeed. We are not allow our children to reach their individual potential. By requiring that every child take college preparatory course loads, we are hurting all of our children.

Freedom means the right to make choices. In Michigan, children do not have that right when it comes to education. Each child is now required to be ready for college when they graduate from High School. Michigan is not a free State.

Not every child has the aptitude to go to college. For these kids, we either refuse to give them a High School diploma or we have to dumb down the curriculum so they can graduate.

Not every child wants to go to college. For these kids, they are forced to do something they do not want to do and when that happens, we cannot expect them to work to their potential. These kids may refuse to do the work resulting in no diploma or a furthering dumbing down of the curriculum.

Even the students who want to go to college are trapped. They are trapped in a system that wants every child to go to college and in order for every child to graduate, the curriculum they need to go to college has been dumbed down, hurting their chances to go to college.

The only way for all of our kids to succeed is to give them choices in the course of study they want. Kids who have trouble with academics should be able to choose programs that strengthen basic education so that they may be productive in non-college fields. Kids who do not want to go to college should be able to begin study for the trades they wish to go into and kids who want to go to college should be able to pursue college preparatory courses that speed along at a high level so that they are truly ready for college.

Michigan is denying children the choice of pursuing their own full potential. Each child is an individual with individual strengths, weaknesses and interests. When each child is free to reach his or her given potential, Michigan will be working to its strengths and providing opportunity for everyone. As it stands now, Michigan is taking opportunity from everyone.