



# ACTION ALERT

**ISSUE:** Congress is now working on a fourth phase of economic stimulus relief. Our goal is to obtain assistance to our families in this upcoming package.

**OUR POSITION:** Because nonpublic schools represent over 10% of the students in the nation's schools, we are asking for consideration for assistance to nonpublic school families in the following way:

- Using 10% of the amount available to public schools be directed toward direct aid to our families, using means-tested scholarships.
- Establishing an emergency student microgrant, or education-directed stimulus check.
- Providing a percentage of K-12 education tuition and expenses to be used as a tax credit or tax deduction as a contribution to a nonprofit. Because of the 2019 extension of the tax deadline, this would serve as an immediate savings to our families.
- Providing a dollar for dollar tax credit to scholarship-granting organizations using the model of Education Freedom Scholarships.
- Allowing expansion of current 529 Savings Plans for K-12 education expenses beyond school tuition, which would include, as an allowable expense for home education expenses, particularly necessary during the time in which school has been suspended or cancelled.

**ACTION:** Contact by telephone or email Senators Menendez and Booker as well as your own member of the House of Representatives. Make sure to state the value of nonpublic schools in general, and Catholic schools in particular, and emphasize your own sacrifices in paying both public school taxes and nonpublic school tuition. Feel free to add the contributions of nonpublic schools in your area in order to serve the educational needs of New Jersey's children.

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<https://www.votervoice.net/NJCC/campaigns/74344/respond>