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Bishops of the Arizona Catholic Conference Statement on School Choice Expansion

The Bishops of the Arizona Catholic Conference (ACC) are thankful that significant legislation to expand school choice (HB 2853) was signed by Governor Doug Ducey today.

We strongly support a quality education for all children in Arizona and believe it is best to have good district schools, charter schools, private schools, and homeschool options. HB 2853 makes all Arizona children eligible for the Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) program and will increase school choice substantially, which is a very good thing.

Parents are the primary educators of their children and know what schools best fit the needs of their families. By making the ESA program eligible for all students, many more families will now have a more meaningful option. Accordingly, we are grateful to Representative Ben Toma for sponsoring HB 2853 and for all who supported this bill.

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