



MICHIGAN
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CONFERENCE

LET MI KIDS LEARN PETITION CIRCULATION AND SIGNATURE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARISHES

Let MI Kids Learn needs to collect signatures from a minimum of 340,000 registered Michigan voters to place their proposal before the legislature. The goal is to collect as many as 500,000 signatures to signal strong support for the proposal. Your parish will soon be mailed petition forms and instructions. A training video is also available at <https://www.letmikiidslearn.com/how-to-circulate> This should be viewed by each person gathering signatures.

It is important to note that since the proposal changes two parts of state law, there are **two petition forms** which must be signed by each registered voter.

There are numerous ways to obtain the necessary signatures to put the Let MI Kids Learn initiative before the legislature. Outlined below are methods which should be most effective.

You may have alternative means of acquiring signatures, so feel free to use these suggestions as you see fit within the structure and capacity of your parish. As the petition drive is currently underway, prompt attention to this matter is critical.

1. Appoint a Parish Point Person: This individual should be someone you trust and who can handle this task. They would oversee all parish activities regarding the collection of signatures and would coordinate their submittal to the Let MI Kids Learn campaign. **Please notify MCC of your point person and their contact information.** Completed forms may be mailed to Let MI Kids Learn or collected from your parish if necessary.
2. Gathering Signatures after Mass: Signatures may be gathered at the church. It would be best to have tables set up in the gathering space or in the back of church so that individuals might sign the petitions as they leave. If promoted during the homily and/or announcements, this will be the single best opportunity to reach your parishioners and achieve your parish target.

Since all signatures must be witnessed by the circulator, **do not** have them at the end of the pews to be signed and handed in at the collection.

3. Canvass Parish Events: Signatures can be gathered at parish fairs, bingo, sports events, fundraising dinners, Lenten Fish Frys, or any other activity your parish hosts where large numbers of registered voters will be present.
4. Door to Door: Signatures can be gathered by parishioners going door to door within their neighborhoods or by going to the homes of fellow parishioners.

Petitions must be submitted to Let MI Kids Learn organization no later than May 11, 2022.

Your active participation is crucial to the success of this initiative. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Stankewitz of the Michigan Catholic Conference at 517.316.3585 or Let MI Kids Learn at info@letmikiidslearn.com.