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National Coalition for Public Education Denounces Ruling in *Carson v. Makin*

In yet another blow to our public schools, the Supreme Court today ruled that the state of Maine must fund religious education at private schools. This case is part of a larger effort by anti-public education forces that are trying to privatize our education system.

Public dollars should fund public schools. Public dollars should not be siphoned away to fund religious education or discrimination at private schools.

Public schools, which serve all students, are a cornerstone of our democracy. Our nation cannot afford to waste taxpayer money on a privately run education system, particularly one that fails to improve academic achievement, when we are underfunding the public school system that educates 90% of American children. We must stop creating new private school voucher programs and end the ones that exist.

Founded in 1978, the National Coalition for Public Education supports public schools and opposes the funneling of public money to private and religious schools through vouchers, tuition tax credits, education savings accounts, and portability.