

Agudah Welcomes the Passage of Major School Choice Bill in Florida House

Photo: Rabbi Moshe Matz, executive director of Agudath Israel of Florida, with House Appropriations Committee Chairman Representative Randy Fine (R- Palm Bay). Credits: Agudath Israel Electronic Archives

In a 79-36 vote, the Florida House overwhelmingly passed House Bill 7045 this morning. The legislation aims to consolidate Florida's scholarship programs for special needs students and expand the state's means-tested scholarship program to middle income families.

"Florida continues to lead the nation in putting families and children first," said Rabbi Moshe Matz, executive director of Agudath Israel of Florida. "This bill, once it passes the Senate and is signed by Governor DeSantis, will transform the lives of Florida students and give more families the educational opportunities currently only available to some."

Agudath Israel of Florida expresses its sincere appreciation to the bill sponsor, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Representative Randy Fine (R- Palm Bay), and to House Speaker Chris Sprowls (R – Palm Harbor) for their leadership on this issue. Most importantly, Agudah thanks the thousands of parents across the state who made their voices heard by calling, emailing, or visiting with legislators throughout the legislative process.

Florida's school choice coalition is made up of many organizations including Step Up for Students, ExcelinEd, and the Foundation for Florida's Future, all of whom have played a critical role ensuring that this bill and the broader issue of parental choice continues to have broad-based support. Agudath

Israel looks forward to working together with its governmental and organizational partners to see this bill to final passage and implementation.