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4:00 pm

Speaker: Pullman, Joy — Joy Pullman is executive editor of *The Federalist*, and author of *The Education Invasion: How Common Core Fights Parents for Control of American Kids*. Her latest e-book is a list of more than 200 recommended classic books for children ages 3-7 and their parents. She previously was managing editor of *School Reform News* at The Heartland Institute and the assistant editor for *American Magazine* at the American Enterprise Institute.

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Title: *How the Right Can Finally Bust the Left's Stranglehold on American Education*

Action points:

1. If you have or plan to have kids, get your finances in order so you can fund their education.
2. If you have kids, pull them from public school and enroll them in something better. If there is nothing better, make something better, and get other families to help.
3. If you don't have kids, help fund private education for a family you know or through your church. Volunteer for good schools. Serve on their school board. Cut the grass.
4. If you are a religious lay or clerical leader, arrange for your church to publicly discuss why educating children in the faith deserves institutional financial support. Consider a book club to discuss these issues using [Hasson and Farnan's book](#), "Get Out Now...". Make it standard that your church helps all member families attend private religious schools.
5. If there are no high-quality private schools in your area, collect several other parents and local leaders to discuss starting a new, high-quality religious school, either in the traditional full-day or one of the many hybrid models that can lower costs.

6. Demand bigger, better school choice programs from state legislators. Better means fewer regulations and more participating schools.
7. Get on the emailing list for an in-state organization that supports private school choice and lobbies your state lawmakers on that issue. Respond when they issue calls to action or hold events.
8. If you are a lawmaker or work with them, propose education savings accounts and work to get colleagues' support. At least, force them to take votes for or against it.
9. Demand loopholes in all massive government programs that favor independent and charter schools. Allow them to opt out of testing demands, curriculum requirements, teacher certification, and more. Perhaps create an introductory period for startups that waives all regulations for their first three to five years.
10. Federal policymakers cut the U.S. Department of Education.
11. Congress needs to pass the A-PLUS Bill that block-grants education money back to states. All the money, none of the strings. Apply the same principle to all other programs possible: Let people and states opt out of federal programs AND KEEP THEIR MONEY while doing it. Rebate their taxes. Block grant. etc.
12. Every level of government needs to cut funding for government-run education institutions. And start discussing ways to make public school revenue more straightforward and transparent, and based entirely on per-child enrollment. The money follows the child and is not tied to home buying.
13. If you are involved in local political or community organizations, propose that they hold an event about school choice. Have everyone, while at the event, email their representatives to demand they pass or expand school choice.
14. If you want to develop your ability to understand what comprises a good education and why, take Hillsdale College's free online class: "A Proper Understanding of K-12 Education: Theory and Practice."
15. Political campaigns, parties, and donors should make tangible, demonstrated support for genuine school choice a litmus test for candidates and a lack thereof a reason to primary incumbents.