

EC #1 – Education – Strengthen Community Control of Public Schools

Ayman Fadel (Columbia County, [REDACTED]) offers the following:

In the chapter on Education, update plank 15 as follows:

15. ~~Oppose Deal's Opportunity School District~~ Strengthen Community Control of Public Schools

The Green Party opposes efforts to privatize and remove from community control public schools, even when such efforts are promoted under the guise of 'intervening in chronically failing public schools'. We oppose post-Katrina New Orleans inspired efforts to charter-ize and destroy public schools which, when adequately supported, promise to provide equitably and publicly funded, democratically and locally governed educational institutions that prepare all Georgia students to exercise compassionate and critical decision making with civic virtue. We will protect this important legacy left to us by the Reconstruction General Assembly and ensure that public schools serve to educate, rather than indoctrinate and serve their students rather than corporate profit. ~~Specifically, we oppose the proposed Constitutional Amendment scheduled for inclusion on the 2016 General Election ballot as the 'Georgia State Intervention in Failing Public Schools Amendment' (SR 287 and SB 133).~~