

BOB McDONNELL

A CONSISTENT RECORD AGAINST FUNDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bob McDonnell has always stood against public school funding – as a state legislator and even as a 34-year-old graduate student at Pat Robertson’s Christian Broadcasting Network University.



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• AS A GRADUATE STUDENT

McDONNELL CRITICIZED PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

At age 34, McDonnell published a master’s thesis where he wrote public schools should only provide a “minimum level of self-sufficiency” and implied falling SAT scores were linked to increased public school funding.

[McDonnell Thesis, Christian Broadcast Network University, pp. 7,15]

• AS A STATE LEGISLATOR

McDONNELL VOTED AGAINST PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

McDonnell opposed the Warner budget that increased education funding by \$1.5 billion – the single largest increase in Virginia history.

[History of HB5001, 2004; *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 5/8/04]

• NOW, 20 YEARS AFTER HE WROTE THE THESIS...

McDONNELL WANTS TO CUT PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

McDonnell has proposed a \$5.4 billion cut to education funding and other priorities and supports a voucher plan that would funnel public school funding to private schools.

[McDonnell Transportation Plan; *The Virginian-Pilot*, 10/26/93; History of HJR187, 1994; *Daily Press*, 1/10/99]

To learn more about these important issues and to read McDonnell’s thesis, go to www.veanea.org/compare