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## EDUCATION: The Special Few

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At least three members of the Legislature who are stout opponents of school choice, the mechanism that allows poor and disabled children to escape failing schools, chose to send their own children to private schools.

Reps. Eleanor Sobel, D-Hollywood, and Dan Gelber, D-Miami Beach, disclosed in a survey that they had chosen private schools for their own children. Sen. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Pembroke Pines, did not respond to the earlier survey, but subsequently it has been revealed that she sends her children to private school -- and, in fact, favors allowing that school to accept vouchers. Not any other school, however.

Wasserman Schultz and Sen. Ron Klein, minority leader, are two of the most vocal opponents of school choice. Klein also is the proud parent of a private school student.

Opponents constantly aver that parents can't possibly know whether a private school is suitable for their children unless the state requires the school to administer the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test and make public the scores of all students at that school.

Yet, they have managed to conclude without benefit of that information that the private schools they have chosen are

right for their kids. Are they just smarter than the parents of poor children?

In fact, that is just what some of the elitists opposing school choice believe. The member of one liberal newspaper's editorial board once told a low-income parent that poor people don't have the capacity to choose the best school for their children.

To the true liberal elites, low-income people are automatically considered to be wards of the state. One of the great mysteries is why the elites would entrust them with the terribly difficult job of voting when they consider the poor incapable of performing other, less difficult tasks.