

Martin Luther King Jr. Essay: Taking A Stand

Taking a stand means standing up for what you believe because you know it is the right thing to do. There are two ways to take a stand. The first is by just living out your belief, everyday, in your community. The second is protesting bravely. Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. took a stand bravely, speaking up for equal rights for everyone. He made a change in history because of standing up like that for all people, especially black people. Even though he stood up for what he believed in, many disliked him. Sometimes, that comes with taking a stand.

While taking a stand, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. said this quote, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." I believe he meant we should live peacefully with all people or die by fighting to be better than each other. Living peacefully with all people means treating others as you would want to be treated, no matter your race or ethnicity. His quote supports the Golden Rule, treating others as you would want to be treated. Doing this helps unite and bring harmony and peace among all people.

How would I take a stand? I would take a stand by writing to and supporting Representative Steve Bloom about school choice. Representative Steve Bloom supports school choice. I want school choice for my family. Both of my brothers and I have attended a Christian school. My parents have paid taxes for our schooling, but that money does not go to our school. Instead, it goes to the school of the township where I live. I want to change that for my parents, for my

brothers, and for me. I believe parents should have the privilege to choose which school their children go to for learning.

My faith is important to me. When I was in third grade, I transferred to my home school district. It was scary to do this, and I missed my Christian school. Fortunately, my parents were able to pay the tuition at the Christian School, and I was able to go back there. Not all children have that opportunity. School choice would give all children and their parents the opportunity to attend my wonderful school.

Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. took a stand for the blacks. If I were to take a stand, it would be for school choice for all the children and their families in our nation. I can do this by sharing my story. **I take a stand for school choice!**