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A RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR HOLCOMB TO PRIORITIZE TEACHERS AND DISTRICT EMPLOYEES FOR COVID-19 VACCINATIONS BY MOVING THEM UP TO PHASE 1

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic is an unprecedented public health crisis impacting every aspect of society in Elkhart, Indiana, the United States and the world since March 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that COVID-19 is an unforeseen and unavoidable emergency, and in the face of that emergency has continuously implemented mitigation efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to: mandating mask wearing, use of plexiglass dividers in classrooms and cafeterias, utilizing COVID-19 health screening, implemented quarantining, and using intensive cleaning protocols; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the teachers and employees of Baugo Community Schools as frontline workers who ensure in-person learning five days per week and have for more than 100 days thus far during school year 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, when in-person learning is not possible, virtual learning is provided, often simultaneously and when quarantined, teachers often choose to work virtually to ensure continuity of instruction for their students; and

WHEREAS, faced with limited vaccine availability, Governor Holcomb designated teachers and other school employees in Phase 2 for vaccine eligibility while acknowledging other public employees like firefighters and police officers for Phase 1 vaccination; and


WHEREAS, the Board recognizes an increased pressure is being placed on school districts to return to in-person learning, and recognizing the importance of Baugo Community Schools to offer the safest in-person learning environment, in the best interest of all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Superintendents and Board of Education members from districts across the state of Indiana are united in advocating to our state leadership to speed up access of COVID-19 vaccine availability to school district teachers and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that vaccinating school teachers and staff could occur in waves, where priority was given to those meeting age and health factors first; **now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that on this 22nd Day of February Two thousand and Twenty One, the Baugo Community School Board of School Trustees call on Governor Holcomb to prioritize teachers and district employees for COVID-19 vaccinations by moving them up to Phase 1.

Approved this 22nd day of February, 2021



BCS Board President



BCS Board Secretary

Resolution Opposing the Establishment of Education Scholarship Accounts and the Expansion of the Indiana School Choice Scholarship Program

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly during the 2021 legislative session is considering the establishment of education savings accounts (ESAs) that funnel state funding to parents who withdraw their children from public schools, as well as a significant expansion of the Indiana school choice scholarship program.

WHEREAS, education savings accounts give parents a portion of per-pupil state funding to spend like a taxpayer-funded debit card on education products and services, including private school tuition, unregulated home schools, and tutoring.

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Indiana school choice scholarship program would direct additional resources to non-public schools that are not held accountable to taxpayers for the use of public funds.

WHEREAS, public funds should be invested in public schools, which serve all children.

WHEREAS, non-public schools lack fiscal transparency, public oversight, and taxpayer accountability.

WHEREAS, education scholarship accounts would be funded out of the K-12 tuition support appropriation at the expense of funding to support public schools.

WHEREAS, House Bill 1005 creates an education scholarship account program called the “Indiana education scholarship account program” and Senate Bill 412 creates an education savings account program titled the “Indiana personalized education grant program”.


WHEREAS, this legislation would further erode the financial support provided to Indiana’s public schools, which serve over 90% of Indiana’s students, and divert resources away from improving Indiana public school teachers’ salaries as recommended by the Governor’s Teacher Compensation Commission report, released on December 14, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, the school board of the Baugo Community Schools opposes and condemns the establishment of education scholarship accounts and the expansion of the Indiana choice scholarship program as proposed by members of Indiana’s General Assembly in House Bill 1005 and Senate Bill 412.

Approved this 22nd day of February, 2021.



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