



## **BROWNSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

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### **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 House Bill 1005, Senate Bill 413, and other bills that establish Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) and expand vouchers.

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the Indiana General Assembly should not enact Education Savings Accounts, or expand vouchers, and should continue to promote and fully invest in Indiana's public schools.

**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**, the costs of Education savings Accounts and school vouchers are covered exclusively by our state's school tuition support fund, further providing fewer public dollars to fund our public schools and increase teacher salaries.

**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.

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that public schools provide a strong educational environment for Indian's children and Education Savings Accounts, if enacted, and expanded school vouchers would put this environment at risk by directing resources away from those schools to nonpublic schools and/or home schools that are not subject to the same rigorous scrutiny for the use of taxpayer resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved, the Board of School Trustees of the Brownsburg Community School Corporation opposes the passage and signing of HB 1005, SB 413 or any other bill expanding vouchers and/or creating Education Savings Accounts.

***Approved by the Brownsburg Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees on the 8th day of March, 2021.***