

**Resolution Opposing Education Savings Accounts and Voucher Expansion**

**WHEREAS**, the Indiana General Assembly during the 2021 legislative session is considering House Bill 1005, Senate Bill 412, Senate Bill 413, and other bills that establish Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) and expand vouchers.

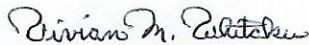
**WHEREAS**, this Board has determined that the Indiana General Assembly should not enact Education Savings Accounts and should promote and fully invest in Indiana's public schools, more specifically, to further the public good, public funds should be invested in improving the schools designed to serve all children and to aid in improving Indiana public school teachers' salaries as recommended in the December 14, 2020 report by the Governor's Teacher Compensation Commission.

**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 Board believes that public schools provide a strong educational environment for Indiana's children and, if enacted, Educational Savings Accounts 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 their use of taxpayer resources.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of School Trustees of the Cloverdale Community School Corporation opposes the passage, enactment, and signing of HB 1005, SB 412, SB 413, or any other bill expanding vouchers and/or creating Educational Savings Accounts.

Approved the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021



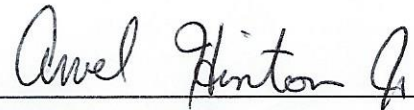
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