

**JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN
ELKHART TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
AND
ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
IN OPPOSITION TO HB 1005**

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly during its 2021 legislative session is considering HB 1005, SB 412, and SB 413 bills which establish Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) and dramatically increase funding for school choice scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned parties ("Parties") believe such legislation divert much needed resources from public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Parties believe this type of legislation does not give choice to families but to nonpublic schools; as nonpublic schools can choose who they educate and public funds should only be used for education which is open and inclusive to all Indiana students; and

WHEREAS, the Parties believe public schools provide a strong educational environment for Indiana's children while this legislation, if enacted, would put this environment at risk by directing resources away from public schools to nonpublic schools which are not subject to the same rigorous scrutiny for their use of taxpayer resources.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties strongly oppose HB1005 and urge Legislators to vote NO to HB1005, SB 412, SB 413 and any other legislation which directs funding away from Indiana public schools.

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