

JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN
THE FRANKFORT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
AND
THE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OF FRANKFORT

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

WHEREAS, education savings accounts give parents the equivalent of a taxpayer-funded debit card to pay for private school tuition, unregulated home schools, and educational services such as tutoring; and

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

WHEREAS, public schools are subject to fiscal transparency and accountability as well as public oversight, and non-public schools are not. All schools that receive public funds should be held to the same standards; and

WHEREAS, education savings accounts would be funded out of the K-12 tuition support appropriation at the expense of public schools and would consume much of Governor Holcomb's recommended tuition support increases; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1005 and Senate Bill 413 seek to expand the use of the Choice Voucher Scholarship eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Parties believe that this type of legislation does not give real choice to families as private and religious schools can discriminate in whom they educate;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Parties strongly oppose this legislation and urge legislators to oppose it, and any other legislation that directs funding away from Indiana public schools.

Approved this 9 day of March, 2021

FRANKFORT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

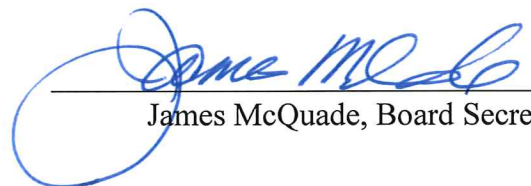


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