

JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
AND
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
IN OPPOSITION TO BILLS HARMING OUR PUBLICS SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly during its 2021 legislative session is considering bills that dramatically increase funding for private institutions in Indiana's K-12 budget, provide incentives for wealthier families to attend such institutions, and create costly new debit card programs for use at private education facilities; and

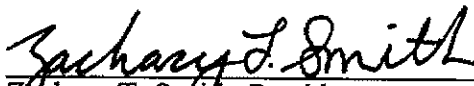
WHEREAS, the aforementioned entities ("Entities") believe that such legislation divert much needed resources from our public schools; and


WHEREAS, the Entities recognize that such diversions of resources disproportionately impact communities of color and other marginalized groups in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Entities believe that 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; and

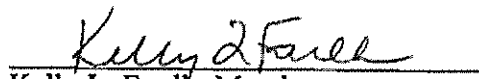
WHEREAS, the Entities believe that this type of legislation does not give choice to families but to nonpublic schools as nonpublic schools can choose who they educate and public funds should only be used for education that is open and inclusive to all Indiana students; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Entities strongly oppose legislation that directs funding away from Indiana public schools.



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