



Resolution 2021-06

Resolution Opposing Education Savings Accounts and Voucher Expansion

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly during its 2021 legislative session is considering bills that establish Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) and expand vouchers, and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees, MCCSC administration, Monroe County Education Association and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3995, 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, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned entities ("Entities") believe that, in order 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 by the governor's Teacher Compensation Commission in its report of December 14, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Entities recognize that public schools are required to operate in an open, transparent way with all expenditures and decision-making while non-public schools are not held to that same public standard, and

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

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

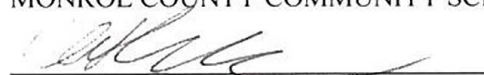
WHEREAS, the Entities recognize that the costs of Education Savings Accounts and school vouchers are covered exclusively by our state's school tuition support fund, further providing fewer public dollars to fund our public schools and increase teacher salaries,

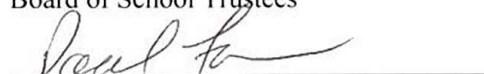
WHEREAS, the Entities believe that public schools provide a strong educational environment for Indiana's children and Education Savings Accounts, if enacted, and expanded school vouchers, would put this environment at risk by directing resources away from those schools to nonpublic schools and/or home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


NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, the Monroe County Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees, MCCSC administration, Monroe County Education Association and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3995, oppose the passage and signing any bill that directs funding away from Indiana's public schools.

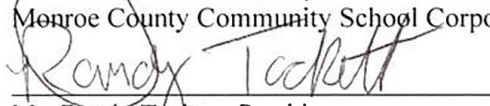
Approved this 23rd day of February 2021.

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