

# Northern Wells Community Schools

312 North Jefferson Street  
Ossian, IN 46777

Telephone (260) 622-4125  
Fax (260) 622-7893

*Michael J. Springer, Superintendent*

---

## Resolution Opposing the Establishment of Education Scholarship Accounts and the Expansion of the Indiana School Choice Scholarship Program

**WHEREAS**, the Indiana General Assembly during the 2021 legislative session is considering the establishment of education savings accounts (ESAs) that funnel state funding to parents who withdraw their children from public schools, as well as a significant expansion of the Indiana school choice scholarship program.

**WHEREAS**, education savings accounts give parents a portion of per-pupil state funding to spend like a taxpayer-funded debit card on education products and services, including private school tuition, unregulated home schools, and tutoring.

**WHEREAS**, the expansion of the Indiana school choice scholarship program would direct additional resources to non-public schools that lack fiscal transparency, public oversight, and taxpayer accountability. All schools that received public funds should be held to same set of standards.

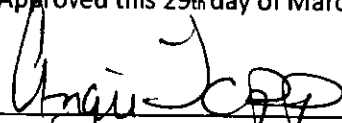
**WHEREAS**, education scholarship accounts would be funded out of the K-12 tuition support appropriation at the expense of funding to support public schools.

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 1005 creates an education scholarship account program called the "Indiana education scholarship account program".

**WHEREAS**, this legislation would further erode the financial support provided to Indiana's public schools, which serve over 90% of Indiana's students, and divert resources away from improving Indiana public school teachers' salaries as recommended by the Governor's Teacher Compensation Commission report, released on December 14, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved, the Northern Wells Community Schools Board of Trustees opposes the expansion of the Indiana choice scholarship program as proposed by members of Indiana's General Assembly in House Bill 1005 as well as any other legislation that diverts fiscal support from Indiana public schools through Education Savings Accounts without appropriate oversight and equitable accountability.

Approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NWCS Board President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NWCS Board Secretary