

Resolution Opposing Education Savings Accounts and Voucher Expansion

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly during its 2021 legislative session is considering House Bill 1005, Senate Bill 412, Senate Bill 413, and other bills that establish Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) and expand vouchers.

WHEREAS, the Board 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, more specifically, 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.

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

WHEREASE, the Board believes 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.

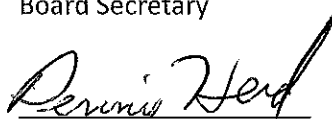
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, the school board of Pioneer Regional School Corporation opposes the passage and signing of HB 1005, SB 412, SB 413 or any other bill expanding vouchers and/or creating Education Savings Accounts.

Approved this 1st day of March, 2021.

Lisa Kesling
Board President



Dennis Herd
Board Secretary



**JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN
PIONEER REGIONAL CLASSROOM TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION
AND
PIONEER REGIONAL SCHOOL CORPORATION BOARD OF EDUCATION
IN OPPOSITION TO HB 1005, SB 412, AND SB 413**

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

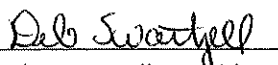
WHEREAS, the aforementioned entities ("Entities") believe that such legislation divert much needed resources from public schools; and

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

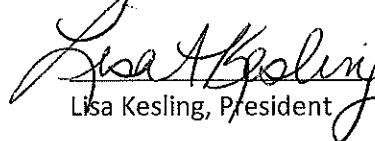
WHEREAS, the Entities believe that public schools provide a strong educational environment for Indiana's children while this legislation, if enacted, would put this environment at risk by directing resources away from public schools to nonpublic schools which are not subject to the same rigorous scrutiny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

NOW THEREFORE, the Entities strongly oppose HB 1005 and urge Legislators to vote NO to HB 1005, SB 412, SB 413 and any other legislation that directs funding away from Indiana public schools.

Pioneer Regional Classroom
Teacher's Association


Deb Swartzell, President

Pioneer Regional School Corporation
Board of Education


Lisa Kesling, President