

RESOLUTION 2021-2
RESOLUTION OPPOSING EDUCATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND VOUCHER
EXPANSION

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly during its 2021 legislative session is considering House Bill 1004, Senate Bill 412, and Senate Bill 413, and other bills that establish Education Savings Accounts (ESSA's) and expand vouchers, and

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; specifically to further the public good, public funds should be invested in improving the public 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 4, 2020. and

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Warrick County School Board opposes the passage and signing of HB 1005, SB 412, SB 413, or any other bill expanding vouchers or creating Educational Savings Accounts.

Adopted this 8th day of March 2021

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