

**Resolution Opposing and Condemning the
Establishment of Education Savings Accounts**

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly during the 2021 legislative session is considering the establishment of education savings accounts (ESAs) that divert critical state funding that supports public education to parents who choose withdraw their children from those same schools.

WHEREAS, education savings accounts give parents the equivalent of a taxpayer-funded debit card with questionable oversight and little accountability.

WHEREAS, public funds should be invested in public schools, which serve all children.

WHEREAS, ESAs provide finance support to nonpublic schools that are not required to provide inclusive educational services, even if they accept public funding.

WHEREAS, public schools are subject to fiscal transparency, public oversight, and taxpayer accountability. Non-public schools are not. All schools that receive public funds should be held to the same set of standards.

WHEREAS, education savings accounts would be funded out of the K-12 tuition support appropriation at the expense of public schools and would consume much of Governor Holcomb's recommended tuition support increase of two (2) and one (1) percent for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023, respectively.

WHEREAS, House Bill 1005 seeks to create an education savings account scheme to be called the "Indiana education scholarship account program".

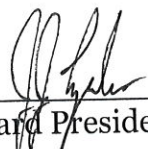
WHEREAS, Senate Bill 412 seeks to create an education savings account scheme to be known as the "Indiana personalized education grant program".

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, the School City of Hammond Board of Trustees and the Hammond Teachers' Federation oppose and condemn the establishment of education savings accounts as proposed by members of Indiana's General Assembly in House Bill 1005 and Senate Bill 412.

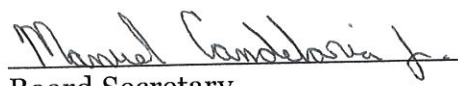
Further, the School City of Hammond Board of Trustees and the Hammond Teachers' Federation hereby resolve to strongly urge Legislators of the Indiana General Assembly to Vote No to HB 1005, SB 412, SB 413 and any other legislation that diverts fiscal support from Indiana public schools.

Approved this 16th day of February, 2021.

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