

FRISCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION OF
OPPOSITION TO VOUCHERS, TAXPAYER SAVINGS
GRANTS, TAX CREDITS AND OTHER MECHANISMS
THAT REDUCE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution requires that the Texas Legislature “establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools;” and

WHEREAS, during the 82nd Regular Session, the Texas Legislature reduced public education funding by \$5.4 billion and said reduction has yet to be fully restored; and

WHEREAS, public school districts are subject to stringent accountability standards and transparency requirements; and

WHEREAS, vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, and tax credits circumvent public accountability and transparency requirements and do not provide all parents and children with school choice; and

WHEREAS, school choice already exists within the Texas public school system through transfers, magnet schools, academy programs and charter schools; and

WHEREAS, private schools have choices not available to public schools when choosing which students to admit; and

WHEREAS, vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, and tax credits have not been proven effective in improving student achievement and closing the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, the cost of a voucher is not likely to equal the cost of tuition for most private schools, and may therefore result in a choice only for those who can afford to pay the differential and provide their own transportation; and

WHEREAS, many private schools have a religious affiliation and include religion in the curricula thereby using public funding to promote religious messages; and