



VOUCHERS RESOLUTION

Director Jennifer Borcharding introduced the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director Cindy Garlock. The President of the Cedar Rapids Community School District Board of Directors put the question upon the adoption of said Resolution and, the roll having been called, the following Directors voted:

Aye: Borcharding, Garlock, Humbles, Merschbrock, Neumann, Roundtree, and Tominsky

Nay: None

Whereupon the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the legislature will look at enacting vouchers; and

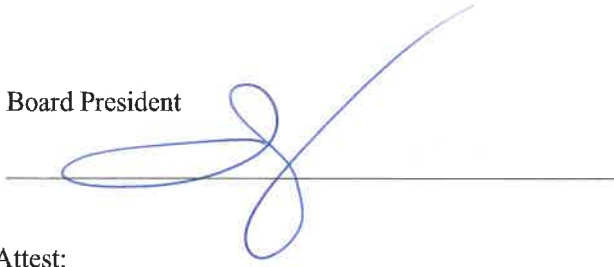
WHEREAS, the Board, in consultation with its community, has determined that the Iowa legislature should not enact vouchers, and should continue to promote and fully invest in Iowa's public schools, more specifically:

- Use public dollars for public schools. Period.
- The public's investment should be used to support public community schools which are open to all students regardless of race, religion, gender, socio-economic status and disability, not for a new entitlement program for parents who choose private education.
- Public funds require public accountability and transparency.
- Public schools are overseen by a publicly elected citizen governing board, are required to report academic results to the general public, have an annual public financial audit, and be transparent with all expenditures and decision-making. Private and religious schools are not held to that same public standard.
- Taxpayers have a right to know how their funds are being used, but are left in the dark about the use and impact of voucher funds.
- A slippery slope toward a costly and expansive voucher program: This voucher program may start small, but as we've seen in other states, once a program is established, it is easy to expand. This will pull more resources away from public schools.

WHEREAS, the Board believes that public schools provide a strong educational environment for Iowa's children and vouchers, if enacted, would put this environment at risk directing resources away from those schools to private schools who are not subject to the same rigorous scrutiny for their use of taxpayer resources.

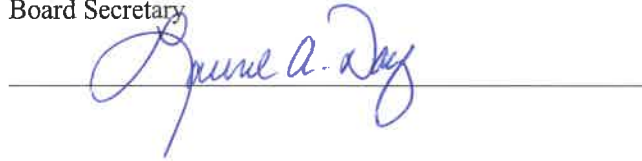
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board: Passed and approved this 23rd day of January, 2023.

Board President

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Attest:

Board Secretary

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