
Resolution of the Bridgman Public Schools Board of Education Opposing Tax Credit School Voucher Programs

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan requires a system of free public elementary and secondary school as defined by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridgman Public School Board is resolutely dedicated to delivering a high-quality public education to all students within its educational care; and

WHEREAS, providing a free and appropriate education for all, including students with disabilities, require all available state and federal funding in order to provide a high-quality education without necessitating an increased burden on local taxpayers or reducing services for students; and

WHEREAS, tax credits and vouchers inevitably divert public funds from many children who attend public schools to supplement families – a majority of whom are high income earners – who have already chosen private, religious, or home schools for the education of their children; and

WHEREAS, research shows that voucher programs do not consistently improve student academic outcomes, and some studies even show negative effects on student achievement; and

WHEREAS, critics argue that private schools receiving voucher funds often lack the same transparency and accountability measures as public schools, potentially leading to waste, fraud, and abuse of public funds; and

WHEREAS, private schools are not bound by the same civil rights laws as public schools, raising concerns about potential discrimination against students based on disability, religion, etc.;

THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, we the Board of Bridgman Public Schools, stands against any expanded direction of public taxpayer dollars to unaccountable, discriminatory private schools through vouchers, education savings accounts vouchers, tax credit vouchers, or other similar mechanisms

Resolved and adopted the 9th of June 2025.

Board Representative Name

Board Representative Signature