Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District Resolution of the School Board, Opposing Texas School Vouchers and Education Savings Accounts

WHEREAS, the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District (CISD) School Board is resolutely dedicated to delivering a high-quality public education to all students within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that public education is a fundamental right and a foundational element of our democratic society, promoting equal opportunity and encouraging civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, school voucher programs in any form, redirect public funds away from traditional public schools, thereby reducing the resources available for the education of the majority of students; and

WHEREAS, research has established that school vouchers in any form do not consistently enhance student achievement; in some instances, students utilizing vouchers perform no better, or potentially worse, than their peers in public schools; and

WHEREAS, voucher programs in any form frequently lack sufficient oversight and accountability, raising concerns regarding the expenditure of taxpayer dollars in private schools that may not comply with the same standards as public institutions concerning curriculum, teacher qualifications, and student services; and

WHEREAS, private schools participating in voucher programs in any form, may discriminate against students based on disability, religion, or other protected characteristics, thereby undermining the principle of equitable access to education; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of public funds to private educational institutions through voucher programs in any form, undermines the public school system, which is an essential community resource and a crucial support system for students and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Board is of the opinion that public funds should be employed to fortify and enhance public schools, ensuring that all students have access to a quality education, rather than being utilized to subsidize private education for a limited few; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District (CISD) School Board:

1. That the Board firmly opposes the implementation or expansion of school voucher programs in any form that utilize public funds.

2. That the Board calls upon state and federal legislators to prioritize investments in public education, ensuring adequate funding for public schools to deliver a high-quality education to all students.

3. That the Board instructs the Superintendent to convey this resolution to pertinent state and federal policymakers, as well as to other school districts and education advocacy organizations.

4. That the Board encourages community members to engage in advocacy efforts aimed at supporting public education and opposing the diversion of public funds to private schools through voucher programs in any form.

5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025

Board President

Board Secretary