Consider approval of resolution to oppose school vouchers March 10, 2025

1. Board Goal:

Domain 1: High Quality Curriculum And Effective Instruction

Domain 2: Effective, Well Supported Staff

Domain 3: Positive School Culture

Domain 4: Alignment Of Financial Well Being With Student Achievement

2. Background:

Currently, the Texas legislature is engaged in a heated debate over the implementation of school vouchers. This initiative aims to provide public funding for students to attend private or charter schools, essentially defunding traditional public schools and undermining the public education system. Redirecting funds away from public schools will result in decreased resources, increased inequalities, and diminished educational quality for students who remain in public schools.

3. Process:

Knowing that vouchers in any form are bad for traditional public schools, including UCISD, the Board of Trustees may choose to pass a resolution opposing vouchers to be sent to legislators.

4. Fiscal Impact:

None

5. Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends Board approval of this resolution opposing the implementation or expansion of any and all school voucher programs that redirect public funds away from public schools.

6. Action Required:

Board action required

7. Contact Person:

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