

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Orange-Cove Consolidated INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION

**VOUCHERS, TAXPAYER SAVINGS GRANTS, TAX CREDITS
AND OTHER MECHANISMS THAT REDUCE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING**

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF Orange §

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;”

WHEREAS, during the 82nd Regular Session, the Texas Legislature reduced public education funding by \$5.4 billion;

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

WHEREAS, school choice already exists in the Texas public school system;

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

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

WHEREAS, diverting public money away from public schools is an inefficient use of scarce resources; and

WHEREAS, vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, and tax credits will not guarantee a competitive, educated workforce to meet the demands of employers in Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the WOCCLSD Board of Trustees calls on the Texas Legislature to reject all attempts to divert public dollars away from public schools in the form of vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, tax credits, or any other mechanisms that have the effect of reducing funding to public schools.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2013.

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