



Texas Association of School Boards

Dear Superintendents:

The email below was sent today to all Texas school board presidents. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Troxell
TASB Executive Director

Dear Board President:

School board members have been asking TASB about ways they can express their concern over bills filed in the Texas Legislature that would create vouchers. In response to those requests, **TASB has created a proposed resolution against vouchers that your board may customize** and add to your next board meeting agenda for action, if your board so chooses.

TASB, as your Association, is continuing to support our members' Advocacy Agenda by strongly opposing vouchers and/or educational savings accounts at the Texas Capitol. Board resolutions will amplify this effort – sending a unified message to lawmakers that trustees stand against privatizing our public schools.

If your board passes a resolution, please let us know. Email a copy of the signed resolution to tasb@tasb.org.

We will then be able to send a clear statement to Austin that local school boards stand together in their opposition to sending public dollars to private schools.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Dan Troxell
TASB Executive Director

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAGLE PASS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION
VOUCHERS, EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, TAXPAYER SAVINGS GRANTS,
AND OTHER MECHANISMS THAT REDUCE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING**

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF MAVERICK §

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, Texas public school districts accept every student;

WHEREAS, education savings accounts and other voucher schemes give private schools, not parents, the right to choose;

WHEREAS, Texas public schools adhere to state-mandated academic and financial accountability standards;

WHEREAS, private schools are not required to meet the same academic standards as public schools, and they do not report test results, graduation rates, and other performance measures to the public;

WHEREAS, school choice already exists in the Texas via public school districts, charter schools, inter- and intra-district transfers, home schools, virtual schools, and private schools;

WHEREAS, education savings accounts and similar voucher schemes eliminate public accountability of schools and tax dollars;

WHEREAS, using tax dollars to pay for tuition at private and religious schools would grow into a costly entitlement program;

WHEREAS, a taxpayer-funded voucher program would reduce the amount of state funds available for all schools, harming many rural Texas communities where families have few, if any, private school options; and

WHEREAS, Texas parents who accept a voucher would lose out on a long list of important parental rights outlined in Texas state education code and in federal law, especially protections for students receiving special education services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eagle Pass ISD Board of Trustees calls on the Texas Legislature to reject any diversion of public dollars to private entities in the form of education savings accounts and similar voucher schemes.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

[INSERT NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS]