

Resolution in Opposition to Private School Vouchers

Director _____ introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director _____ after due consideration thereof by the Board, the President put the question upon the adoption of said Resolution and, the roll having been called, the following Directors voted:

Aye: _____

Nay: _____

Whereupon the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature is considering enacting SSB 3080, a scholarship fund for the purpose of enacting educational savings accounts or vouchers, expanded open enrollment leading to segregation and expanded tax credits and,

WHEREAS, the Belmond-Klemme Community School District Board of Directors has determined that the Iowa Legislature should not enact any type of legislation of any kind, for any student, and should continue to promote and fully invest taxpayer resources in Iowa's public schools, who are barred by law from discriminating against any student and who are held to standards set forth by both federal and state government. Public schools are provided oversight by locally elected school boards and by the state of Iowa. Public schools must adhere to strict state testing requirements and ensure equitable success and outcomes for each learner regardless of income, race, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, or disability. Nonpublic schools are not held to the same public accountability standards. Iowa taxpayers deserve to know how their public funds are being used. School choice already exists in Iowa in the form of open enrollment, enrollment in private online institutions, and tuition tax credits.

WHEREAS, the Belmond-Klemme Community School District Board of Directors believes that Iowa public schools provide a strong educational experience for all students, the overwhelming majority of students attend public schools in Iowa, and families choose to remain in Iowa due to quality public school systems, we denounce any attempt to divert public funds from chronically underfunded, highly accountable public schools to private institutions that lack accountability and are not subject to rigorous academic scrutiny or financial oversight by publicly elected school boards.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board:

Passed and approved this 24th day of February, 2022.

Board President

Attest:

Board Secretary
