

**RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD
OF TRUSTEES REGARDING MEASURES THAT WOULD EFFECTIVELY REDUCE
FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the North East Independent School District Board of Trustees acknowledges that the Texas Constitution requires the Texas Legislature “establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools;” and

WHEREAS, Texas public school districts like North East are legally required to accept every student who resides within its boundaries and adhere to strict academic and financial accountability standards mandated and enforced by the state; and

WHEREAS, private schools are not subject to meeting the same academic standards as public schools, nor do private schools report test results, graduation rates, and other performance measures to the public such that parents can review the information; and

WHEREAS, private schools can choose what students to admit into their programs; and

WHEREAS, Texas already has a robust system of school choice for parents through the creation and maintenance of independent school districts, charter schools, inter- and intra-district transfers, home schools, virtual schools, and private schools; and

WHEREAS, education savings accounts and other voucher programs eliminate public accountability of schools and tax dollars; and

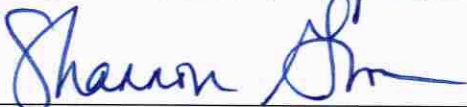
WHEREAS, using tax dollars to pay for tuition at private schools would grow into a costly entitlement program; and

WHEREAS, Texas parents of students with special needs who accept a voucher would lose out on rights and protections contained in Texas state education code and in federal law for receipt of special education services; and

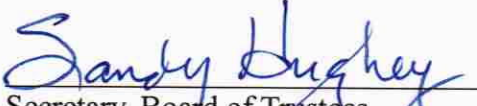
WHEREAS, a taxpayer-funded voucher program would reduce the amount of state funds available for all schools, harming many rural Texas communities where families have few, if any, private school options.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North East Independent School District Board of Trustees requests that the Texas Legislature reject any diversion of public dollars to private entities in the form of education savings accounts and other voucher programs.

Adopted this 24th day of April, 2023 by a 4-1-1 vote of the NEISD the Board of Trustees.



President, Board of Trustees



Secretary, Board of Trustees