

**LEWISVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION OF**

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

STATE OF TEXAS       §  
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COUNTY OF DENTON §

**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;” and

**WHEREAS**, during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session, the Texas Legislature reduced public education funding by \$5.4 billion and said reduction has yet to be fully restored; and

**WHEREAS**, public school districts are subject to stringent accountability standards and transparency requirements; and

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

**WHEREAS**, school choice already exists within the Texas public school system through transfers, magnet schools, academy programs and charter schools; and

**WHEREAS**, private schools have choices not available to public schools when choosing which students to admit; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the cost of a voucher is not likely to equal the cost of tuition for most private schools, and may therefore result in a choice only for those who can afford to pay the differential and provide their own transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, many private schools have a religious affiliation and include religion in the curricula thereby using public funding to promote religious messages; and

**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;

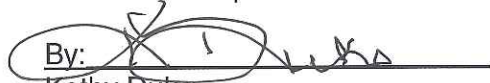
**NOW IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Trustees of the Lewisville Independent School District call on the Texas Legislature to reject all attempts to divert public dollars away from public schools in the form of vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, tax credits, or any other mechanisms that have the effect of reducing funding to public schools .

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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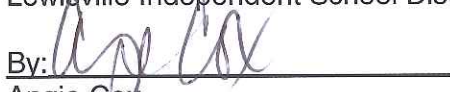
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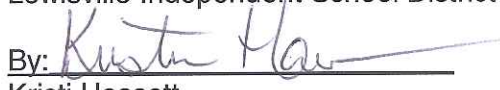
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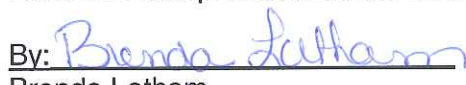
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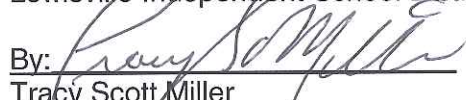
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