

VOUCHER JOINDER RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, EdChoice Vouchers are funded by the State from designated appropriation line-items 200-550, 200-604, 200-612 and payment to private schools diminishes the amount of funding and levels of educational opportunities in school districts; and

WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from funds available to the school districts further reduces the funding available to support the additional needs of district minority pupils, pupils in poverty and pupils with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from the appropriations that fund school districts increases reliance on local tax revenue to maintain school operations in violation of the Ohio Constitution and clear directives of the Ohio Supreme Court.

Section 1. Now, Therefore, The Board of Education finds and determines that the deduction of school voucher funds from school districts is harmful to the districts, its pupils, taxpayers, voters and staff.

Section 2. The Board of Education authorizes and directs the continual School District's joinder of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding (Coalition) as entered March of 2022 and directs the District Treasurer to pay annual Coalition dues as set forth in Section 3.

Section 3. Annual Coalition dues are the sum of \$2.00 per district pupil (enrollment listed on most recent report card). Dues shall be allocated by the Coalition as follows: 1) \$.50 per pupil shall be initially allocated to the payment of Coalition operating expenses, and, 2) \$1.50 per pupil shall be allocated to the support of the Coalition's efforts in opposition to the deduction of school voucher funds from this, and other school districts. Annual Coalition Dues (a total of \$2 per pupil) are payable upon passage of this resolution for the duration of the litigation until such time as a final resolution is reached or the litigation is otherwise concluded.