

PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

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3 WHEREAS, Public education is the cornerstone of our society, and has played a
4 vital role in educating citizens for democracy, in calculating our
5 shared values, and helping our children understand and appreciate
6 our diversity; and
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8 WHEREAS, That the Tennessee PTA has long held its policy that public funds be
9 utilized for publicly controlled school systems; and
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11 WHEREAS, Public schools are governed by public board and are required to
12 educate every child, to follow the legislative mandates and state
13 board rules and regulations; and
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15 WHEREAS, A strong, effective, responsive public school system, adequately
16 financed, is one that can see that:
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- 18 ▪ all children will begin school ready to learn,
- 19 ▪ primary and middle grade students will achieve world-class
20 standards and enter high school ready for rigorous study,
- 21 ▪ high school students will achieve world-class standards and
22 leave school prepared for postsecondary education, work and
23 citizenship,
- 24 ▪ technology will be used to improve student learning and
25 analyzing data,
- 26 ▪ teachers will be qualified individuals who complete strong
27 professional preparation programs and continue to grow
28 professionally,
- 29 ▪ assessment will be used to improve student learning and
30 demonstrate accountability,
- 31 ▪ school leaders will be well prepared, capable and responsible for
32 improving performance of schools and school systems,
- 33 ▪ students and school personnel will have teaching and learning
34 environments that are safe, disciplined and healthy; and
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36 WHEREAS, There are continuous proposals of education tax subsidies and
37 vouchers that would divert public monies to non-public schools;
38 therefore be it
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40 RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA, its regions, councils, and units continue to
41 oppose education tax subsidies and vouchers which would provide
42 financial assistance for non-public schools and reduce public revenue
43 without improving public education; and be it further
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4 RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA, it regions, councils, and units work to
5 defeat any attempt to enact legislation that supports education tax
6 subsidies, vouchers, and other such funding sources that do not
7 provide the means for bringing about improvements in our public
8 schools.

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17 Adopted by the 2005 Convention Delegates