

## **Crockett County Schools**

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## RESOLUTION OPPOSING GOVERNOR LEE'S EDUCATION FREEDOM ACT

WHERES, Article XI, Section 12, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, requires that the General Assembly "shall provide for the maintenance, support, and eligibility standards of a system of free public schools;" and

WHERES, public schools that provide a free and appropriate education for all, including students with disabilities and other needs, require all available state funding in order to continue to improve without necessitating an increased burden on local taxpayers or reducing services for students; and

WHERES, vouchers divert public funds from the many who attend public schools to supplement those families who have already chosen a different option for the education of their children; and

WHERES, the Crockett County Board of Education enthusiastically supports the mission, vision, beliefs, and goals of Crockett County Schools and believes that public funds should be directed to public schools for the betterment of the student population and the community overall; and

WHERES, Crockett County Schools educate and serves every eligible student in our community who wishes to enroll regardless of background, needs, or ability, and each student receives the best possible educational opportunities in order to graduate prepared to enter a postsecondary institution or the workforce; and

WHERES, all educational institutions receiving public funds should have the same accountability and performance reporting expectations so that parents and the public may better understand the use and efficacy of those public funds; and

WHERES, school choice already exists via transfers, home schools, private schools, and county schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Crockett County Board of Education hereby expresses its opposition to the Governor's "Education Freedom Act" as well as any other voucher or Education Savings Account legislation due to the detrimental impacts these programs will have on our students, schools, and community, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Crockett County School Board of Education urges the Tennessee General Assembly to consider the effects that Education Savings Account will have on local school districts and to instead seek out ways to support and strengthen public schools throughout the state.



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THIS RESOLUTION is adopted as of this	11th	day of	MARCH	, 20 24

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