



Dayton City School Board Resoluton 03-05-2024
Resolution Against the Education Freedom Act Bill in Tennessee and Support for Public Schools, Including Article XI, Section 12 of the Constitution of the United States

Whereas, the Education Freedom Act Bill proposed in Tennessee undermines the fundamental principles of public education and threatens the integrity of our education system; and

Whereas, public schools serve as the cornerstone of our communities, providing accessible and equitable education to all students regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or background; and

Whereas, the Education Freedom Act Bill seeks to divert public funds away from public schools and into private institutions, thereby exacerbating resource disparities and diminishing the quality of education for students in public schools; and

Whereas, Article XI, Section 12 of the Constitution of the United States recognizes the importance of public education and emphasizes the responsibility of states to ensure a system of free public schools, which the Education Freedom Act Bill directly contradicts; and

Whereas, the Education Freedom Act Bill poses a threat to the accountability and oversight mechanisms that safeguard against fraud, discrimination, and inequity in education funding and allocation; and

Whereas, public schools have a proven track record of fostering diversity, inclusion, and civic engagement, which are essential components of a thriving democratic society; and

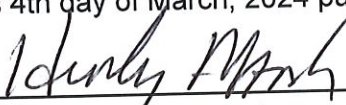
Whereas, the Education Freedom Act Bill prioritizes individual choice over the collective welfare of our communities, thereby undermining the common good and perpetuating inequalities in access to quality education;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Dayton City School Board vehemently opposes the Education Freedom Act Bill in Tennessee and urges state lawmakers to reject any legislation that undermines the principles of public education and diverts resources away from public schools; and

Be it further resolved, that the Dayton City School Board reaffirms its commitment to supporting and strengthening public schools as essential institutions for promoting social mobility, equity, and excellence in education; and

Be it further resolved, that the Dayton City School Board calls upon state legislators to uphold their constitutional duty to provide for a system of free public schools as outlined in Article XI, Section 12 of the Constitution of the United States, and to prioritize policies that advance the collective interests of all students and communities.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dayton City School Board of Education, Dayton, Tennessee on this 4th day of March, 2024 public welfare requiring it.



Chairman, Hurley Marsh



Vice Chariman, Steve Randolph



Trish Newsom, Director of Schools

March 5, 2024