



**Lenoir City Schools Board of Education
Resolution 2024-01**

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, public schools that provide a free and appropriate education for all, including students with disabilities, 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

WHEREAS, Governor Lee’s “Education Freedom Scholarship Act” diverts 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

WHEREAS, the Lenoir City Schools enthusiastically believes public funds should be directed to public schools for the betterment of the student population and community overall; and

WHEREAS, Lenoir City Schools educates and serves every eligible student in our community who wishes to enroll; and

WHEREAS, Lenoir City Schools is fully transparent to parents and the public as the district adheres to open record requests and state-mandated academic and financial standards; and

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, school choice already exists via district transfers, home schools, virtual schools, and private schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenoir City Schools Board of Education is united in strongly urging the Tennessee General Assembly to reject the Education Freedom Scholarship Act or similar voucher initiatives that would divert public dollars away from public schools.

THIS RESOLUTION is adopted as of this 11th day of January, 2024.

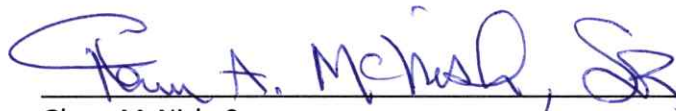
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