

**JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS OF  
Crown Point, East Chicago, Gary, Griffith, Hammond, Hanover, Highland  
Hobart, Lake Central, Lake Ridge, Lake Station, Merrillville, Munster,  
River Forest, Tri-Creek, & Whiting School Corporations**

**IN OPPOSITION TO SCHOOL VOUCHER EXPANSIONS AND BILLS THAT  
NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE FINANCES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE SCHOOLS  
THAT ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AND ARE OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN**

**School City of Hobart  
Board of School Trustees**

**Resolution No. 2021-12**

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly during its 2021 legislative session is considering bills that dramatically increase funding for private institutions and provide incentives for wealthy families; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County School Boards recognize that these bills do not help communities of color and other marginalized groups despite the use of the word “choice;” and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Public Schools provide a strong education for Indiana’s children, and these bills would divert resources from accountable public schools and give them to private schools that are not compelled to follow the same state standards and mandates; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Public Schools serve all students and provide robust program offerings that include college prep courses, as well as career and technical education and special education, which are more expensive per student; and

THEREFORE, the Lake County School Boards strongly oppose legislation that diverts funding away from public schools.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2021.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry D. Butler, President

ATTEST:

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Rikki A. Guthrie, Secretary

**LAKE COUNTY INDIANA SCHOOL BOARDS (16)**

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