

ANN ARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING “LET MI KIDS LEARN” VOUCHER INITIATIVES**

A meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Ann Arbor Public Schools (the “District”), County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, held on the 28th day of September, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The meeting was called to order by Lazarus.

**PRESENT:** Baskett, DuPree, Gagnor, Lazarus, Kelly, Quenjero

**ABSENT:** Johnson

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Baskett and supported by Member Quenjero

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Constitution states, “No public monies or property shall be appropriated or paid or any public credit utilized, by the legislature or any other political subdivision or agency of the state directly or indirectly to aid or maintain any private, denominational or other nonpublic, pre elementary, elementary, or secondary school;” and

**WHEREAS**, vetoed House Bills 4504 and 4505, and vetoed Senate Bills 687 and 688 conferred an eventual \$1 billion per year in unconstitutional tax credits to be used for an unconstitutional, backdoor private school voucher program; and

**WHEREAS**, letters vetoing those bills pointedly stated, “Redirecting public school dollars for private gain is not only ineffective, it has been roundly rejected by Michigan voters, with more than 69% voting “no” on a proposal that would have allowed the use of tuition vouchers for nonpublic schools,” and “Simply put, our schools cannot provide the high-quality education our kids deserve if we turn private schools into tax shelters for the wealthy;” and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the vetoes, tuition voucher advocates have launched the “Let MI Kids Learn” and “Student Opportunity Scholarship” statutory initiatives to place those bills into law; and

**WHEREAS**, under Michigan law, the Legislature can bypass Michigan citizens’ ability to vote on a statutory initiative that collects only 340,047 signatures from the more than 8 million registered voters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education opposes the “Let MI Kids Learn” and “Student Opportunity Scholarship” statutory initiatives being solicited by the organization called “Let MI Kids Learn”; and
2. That the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education calls upon the Legislature to reject the statutory initiatives in the event they are presented to the Legislature; and
3. That the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education calls upon the Legislature, in the event they do not reject the statutory initiatives, to refrain from voting on them, to allow the citizens of Michigan to vote on the matter; and
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to: (1) all elected members of the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan State Senate who represent the Ann Arbor Public School District, (2) the leadership of the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate, and (3) to the Michigan Association of School Boards.


AYES: Baskett, DuPree, Gagnor, Kelly, Lazarus, Querijero

NAYS: None

Resolution declared adopted.

  
Susan Baskett  
Board of Education, Secretary  
Ann Arbor Public Schools

The undersigned, duly qualified Secretary of the Board of Education of Ann Arbor Public Schools, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting held on September 28, 2022, the original of which is part of the Board’s Minutes. I further certify that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

  
Susan Baskett  
Board of Education, Secretary  
Ann Arbor Public Schools