



## Public tax dollars should remain publicly accountable.

- Northwest ISD Board of Trustees approved [a Resolution](#) requesting the legislature to reject any diversion of public dollars to private entities.
- Public schools educate more than 90% of students in Texas. Those students deserve full funding for their schools before any discussion of diverting taxpayer money for private school subsidies.
- Texas public schools should be appropriately funded before dedicating limited financial resources for private school interests. The state of Texas and local taxpayers have a limited budget. While a surplus is available this biennium, dedicating funds for private-school vouchers could place public schools in jeopardy of losing state funding in the future if the economy slows down.
- The state's budgeting and funding should be sustainable. Voucher programs in other states regularly grow well beyond their projected costs. In Arizona's private-school voucher program, the cost grew from a projected cost of \$65 million to an actual cost of \$900 million in two years – an increase of 1400%.
- Texas public schools adhere to state-mandated academic and financial accountability standards. Private schools are not required to meet the same academic standards as public schools, and they do not report test results, graduation rates, and other performance measures to the public.
- Education savings accounts and similar voucher plans allow for your tax dollars to be spent without transparency or accountability.
- School choice already exists in Texas via public school districts, charter schools, inter- and intra-district transfers, home schools, virtual schools, and private schools.
- Private schools can pick and choose whom to admit whereas public schools proudly welcome all students with all needs. Providing vouchers to families for Special Education services does not address the fact that Texas school districts have never been fully funded to implement the state requirements of IDEA.