



## VOUCHER JOINDER

WHEREAS, the State has adopted a universal voucher system; and

WHEREAS, EdChoice Vouchers are funded by the State from designated appropriation line-items 200-550, 200-612 and payment to private schools diminishes the amount of funding and levels of educational opportunities in school districts and ESC's; and

WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from funds available to authentic public education further reduces the funding available to support the additional needs of minority pupils, pupils in poverty and pupils with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the deduction of school voucher funds from the appropriations that fund authentic public education increases reliance on local tax revenue to maintain school operations in violation of the Ohio Constitution and clear directives of the Ohio Supreme Court.

### Section 1.

Now, Therefore, The Berea Board of Education finds and determines that the universal voucher program is harmful to the districts, its pupils, the taxpayers, voters, and staff.

### Section 2.

The Berea Board of Education authorizes and directs the Berea City School District's joinder of the Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding (Coalition) and directs the District Treasurer to pay Coalition dues as set forth in Section 3.

### Section 3.

Coalition dues for the school year are the sum of \$2.00 per district pupil (enrollment listed on most recent report card). Dues shall be allocated by the Coalition as follows: 1) \$.50 per pupil shall be initially allocated to the payment of Coalition operating expenses, and, 2) \$1.50 per pupil shall be allocated to the support of the Coalition's efforts to challenge the constitutionality of the EdChoice voucher program. Coalition Dues (a total of \$2 per pupil) are payable upon passage of this resolution.

Superintendent, Berea City Schools

Treasurer, Berea City Schools

Board of Education President, Berea City Schools

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