

# Resolution on progressive school choice

Whereas progressive school choice would provide voucher schools with, say, 75 percent of the public education funds that government schools receive per weighted child and, progressively, reduce a voucher school's public education funds by, say, 25 percent of any private funds the voucher school is fortunate enough to attract,

whereas voucher schools that charge tuition would attract tens-of-billions of additional private dollars per year into our nationwide education system,

whereas governments would save 25 percent on children who attend voucher schools instead of government schools and save 25 percent of any private funds voucher schools are fortunate enough to attract into our education system,

whereas the savings would increase public education funds available for any child,

whereas handicapped children would have higher funding weights, as already exist for handicapped children who attend government schools, to incentivize voucher schools to accommodate or to specialize in serving handicapped children,

whereas tens-of-millions of parents, especially poor parents and parents of handicapped children, would be empowered to reject mediocre schools and choose safe schools that better serve the individual needs, abilities, and interests of their children,

whereas incentives for parents, including poor parents, to choose and contribute to voucher schools would be increased by thousands of dollars per child,

whereas businesses would contribute to voucher schools with innovative programs that successfully respond to workforce needs or to children who attend voucher schools,

whereas classroom teachers would enjoy higher salaries and better working conditions that result from the tens-of-billions of additional private dollars and from competitive shifts in spending away from wasteful programs and top-heavy administration, and could more easily choose to work at, or start, schools that more productively employ their talents, promote learning, and, when necessary, remediate disruptive behavior,

whereas progressive school choice is easy to implement together with any portfolio of taxes used to generate public education funds, any ways public education funds are split among districts, and any roles that parents, teachers, school boards, legislatures, and courts play in determining voucher school curricula,

whereas a school that does not admit a child based on the child's religion or race, or that does not administer annual district wide (or statewide) academic achievement tests whose statistical results are made public (for parents to compare when choosing schools), would be ineligible to receive public education funds,

whereas states and school districts may adopt different voucher school funding percentages and handicapped child funding weights, learn from market responses, and adjust their percentages and weights to nearly maximize educational opportunities,

**be it resolved** that we, voters in the \_\_\_\_\_ election in Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_, call on legislators to enact laws to implement progressive school choice statewide or to enable voters to adopt progressive school choice statewide or within their respective school districts.