

A Resolution Opposing Amendment #2 to the Kentucky Constitution

WHEREAS, Kentucky's system of public schools educates all children without regard to disabilities, language barriers, race, or creed; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 2 portends to equip families with more choices while instead giving private schools the choice to decide who they will educate with no accountability as to how they educate students, and

WHEREAS, Amendment 2 would enable scarce financial resources to be diverted from public education at a time when public school funding has fallen well below the levels necessary to attract and retain teachers and other staff; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 2 would specifically enable the General Assembly to disregard sections of the Constitution that require public schools to be adequately and equitably funded; and

WHEREAS, Seventy-five percent of private school voucher programs in other states are used by students from middle and upper income families who were already enrolled in a private school and have never set foot in a public school; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 2 would divert public funds from rural areas to fund private schools concentrated in a few urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Voucher programs in other states have led to the closure and consolidation of schools as students have used vouchers to attend home school to escape truancy and disciplinary issues; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Amendment 2 will result in local property tax increases as school districts are forced to make up the lost state tax revenue vouchers will divert to private schools;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators that:

Section 1: Voters should seriously consider the unintended and adverse consequences Amendment 2 will have on our public schools and local communities.

Section 2: We urge voters to cast a 'NO' on Amendment 2 and send a resounding message that the people of Kentucky support public education and oppose public funds for private schools.