

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1**  
**BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, school districts in the Commonwealth continue to strive for gains in academic achievement and create innovative and effective programs and curricula for all public school students, and Pennsylvania has increased academic achievement from 2002 through 2008; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a tuition voucher program, over-expansion of any existing tax credit program or incentivizing a student's transfer out of the public education system in any way takes financial resources away from traditional public schools and increases the burden on property taxpayers and their resident school districts working toward greater academic successes; and

WHEREAS, unlike nonpublic and private schools, public school districts in the Commonwealth accept and educate children regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, religion or academic talents, as opposed to those institutions that are able to reject applicants based on low academic performance, discipline issues, or any number of other factors; and

WHEREAS, unlike nonpublic and private schools, public schools in the Commonwealth are held to strict accountability standards in an effort to measure student achievement and academic progress, unlike private and parochial schools which are not required to give state assessments or publish student achievement data; and

WHEREAS, there is no consistent evidence to demonstrate that students who utilize vouchers make any better academic progress in nonpublic or private schools than they did prior to transferring; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County School District opposes Senate Bill 1 and any other legislation or any effort by the General Assembly to implement a tuition voucher program in the Commonwealth or any other program that would have an effect similar to that of a tuition voucher program, and encourages its elected officials to oppose the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warren County School District directs its Board President to take immediate action to alert its district's state legislators about the need to oppose Senate Bill 1 and the negative consequences on the school district and the public education system at large and to provide a copy of this resolution to them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while the Warren County School District does not oppose fair competition in providing education, it will encourage others, including parents and district taxpayers, to contact the Pennsylvania General Assembly to convey the importance of opposing Senate Bill 1 in its present form.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

Signed,

Attest:

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Mr. Arthur Stewart, School Board President

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Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary (seal)