## **PRIVITIZATION & VOUCHERS DO NOT BENEFIT STUDENTS OR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

## Privatization and vouchers do not benefit students or public schools. See the RSAI Call to Action for details, talking points and suggested advocacy actions, one of which is passing a board resolution. Adopting this resolution provides a strong statement to your community and state level policymakers on the core values of your school board.

## **sample Board resolution**

Below is a sample board resolution passed by RSAI member district Osage Community School District, and adapted from a resolution passed by the Waukee Community School Board.

*WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature is considering enacting SF 159, a scholarship fund for the purpose of enacting educational savings accounts or vouchers, expanded open enrollment leading to segregation and expanded tax credits and,*

*WHEREAS, the Osage Community School District Board of Directors has determined that the Iowa Legislature should not enact any type of legislation of any kind, for any student, and should continue to promote and fully invest taxpayer resources in Iowa’s public schools, who are barred by law from discriminating against any student and who are held to standards set forth by both federal and state government. Public schools are provided oversight by locally elected school boards and by the state of Iowa. Public schools must adhere to strict state testing requirements and ensure equitable success and outcomes for each learner regardless of income, race, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, or disability. Nonpublic schools are not held to the same public accountability standards. Iowa taxpayers deserve to know how their public funds are being used. School choice already exists in Iowa in the form of open enrollment, enrollment in private online institutions, and tuition tax credits.*

*WHEREAS, the Osage Community School District Board of Directors believes that Iowa public schools provide a strong educational experience for all students, the overwhelming majority of students attend public schools in Iowa, and families choose to remain in Iowa due to quality public school systems, we denounce any attempt to divert public funds from chronically underfunded, highly accountable public schools to private institutions that lack accountability and are not subject to rigorous academic scrutiny or financial oversight by publically elected school boards.*

*Board President: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Attest: Board Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

## **SPREAD THE WORD**

Once the resolution is adopted by your board, be sure to spread the word.

1. Email it to your local legislators.
   * Find your Senator’s contact information here: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/senate>
   * Find your Representative’s contact information here: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/house>
   * If you don’t know who your Senators or Representatives are, find out by selecting your school district, through the interactive map, or by entering an address here: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>
2. Send a copy to the Governor. Using the “Register an Opinion Link” or mail a hard copy to the Governor’s address both found here: <https://governor.iowa.gov/contact>
3. Share with the State Board of Education members found at: <https://educateiowa.gov/iowa-state-board-education-members>
4. Share with Iowa Department of Education Director Lebo (<https://educateiowa.gov/contacts>)
5. Send it to your local paper for publication.
6. Post it on your district’s website and social media channels.
7. Share with your district’s advocacy or parent groups.