

**RESOLUTION #2010/2011-03
OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCGUFFEY 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 in incentivizing a student's transfer out of the public education system in any way takes financial resources away from traditional public schools and diminishes the great strides that have been made in those 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 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; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the McGuffey 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; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the McGuffey School District will encourage others, including parents, students and district taxpayers, to contact the Pennsylvania General Assembly to convey the importance of supporting public education in the Commonwealth; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be posted on the district's website and mailed to all elected state representatives of the McGuffey School District in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, and to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

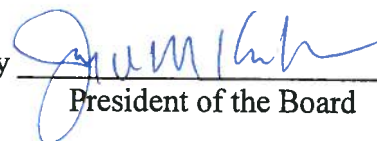
Adopted this 20th day of April, 2011.

ATTEST:

MCGUFFEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

(SEAL)


Secretary

By 
President of the Board