



# Radnor Township School District

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## **RESOLUTION OPPOSING EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT VOUCHER PROGRAMS (PENNSYLVANIA SENATE BILL 2) BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Radnor Township School District and many other Pennsylvania public schools provide countless academic choices and opportunities for learning and growth of all students, preparing them for higher education and careers with greater high school graduation rates and larger percentages of students moving on to higher education than most schools across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Education Savings Account (ESA) voucher programs such as those under Senate Bill 2 divert state funds, on a per-student basis, from a public school district's basic education subsidy to be sent to less accountable schools and institutions; and

WHEREAS, public schools targeted for a diversion of funds under Senate Bill 2 are already in districts that face severe funding challenges; and

WHEREAS, the voucher program in Senate Bill 2 benefits families regardless of income or need and, furthermore, most likely benefits only those students with the greatest financial assets; and

WHEREAS, Radnor Township School District and all Pennsylvania public schools, unlike non-public schools, are mandated to ensure that each student with a disability receives a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in compliance with federal and state law and regulations, with students and their families having the benefits of a system of procedural safeguards; and

WHEREAS, public school districts accept, educate and protect the rights of all children who come to their doors, as opposed to those non-public schools that can reject applicants based on any number of factors and are not required to uphold the rights of students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, public schools are held to strict accountability standards that measure student achievement and academic progress, unlike non-public schools which are not required to use the same standardized assessments and reporting requirements, making comparison and evaluation of academic progress unachievable.



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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Radnor Township School District opposes Senate Bill 2 and any other legislation or any effort by the General Assembly to implement tuition vouchers or any other program that would have the effect of a tuition voucher program. The district also stresses the importance of supporting and improving the quality of all public schools for the benefit of all students in the Commonwealth.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

Signed

Lydia T. Solomon  
School Board President

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School Board Secretary