SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-5

- WHEREAS, House Bill 1002 otherwise known as the *Charter Schools Bill* will be pending before the Senate; and
- WHEREAS, House Bill 1002 is unsound public policy and gives certain public schools the ability to select only those students who they desire; and
- WHEREAS, House Bill 1002 will take funds away from the public school's transportation fund levy and from the general fund creating greater deficits for public schools; and
- WHEREAS, Charter Schools in Indiana have not proven that they can perform at higher levels than the average Indiana public school; and
- WHEREAS, The United States Government Accounting Office has stated that, "there is little or no difference in charter and public school student's performance;" and
- **WHEREAS,** This bill will create more public schools rather than fewer as Governor Mitch Daniels has widely advocated; and
- WHEREAS, This bill will reduce the concept of Home Rule through removing buildings and creating privatization of education outside of the authority of locally elected school trustees; and
- WHEREAS, The State does not have revenue now to provide needed policies and programs like mandated kindergarten, fully paid full day kindergarten, extended summer school programs that would improve student learning for all students;
- **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,** That the undersigned Board of School Trustees setting in plenary session call upon our elected officials Representative

Chet Dobis and Senator Earline Rogers to vote AGAINST passage of House Bill 1002.

ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2011.

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