

## SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

### RESOLUTION NO. 2011-6

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 1003 also known as *School Scholarships* and also known as the *School Voucher* bill is pending before the House of Representatives and the Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, This bill is unsound public policy because it will create financial instability among our public schools undercutting the stability of public school programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The stated intent of the legislation is to provide scholarships to low income families while at the same time allowing a family of four with an income of nearly \$81,000 to qualify for vouchers; and

**WHEREAS**, Private schools are highly selective of the students they accept based on wealth, achievement level, behavior and religion (ultimately resulting in disproportionately small numbers of minority students being accepted); and

**WHEREAS**, This bill will allow public funds to flow to both private and sectarian institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Private School vouchers and scholarships will further reduce State tax revenue that could otherwise be used to implement needed policies and programs like mandatory kindergarten, fully paid full day kindergarten and extended summer school instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, The Constitution of the State of Indiana states, “No money shall be drawn from the treasury, for the benefit of any religious or theological institution;” and

**WHEREAS**, The Constitution of the State of Indiana states in Article 8 “it shall be the duty of the General Assembly ... to provide, by law, for a general and uniform system of Common Schools, ... equally open to all;” and

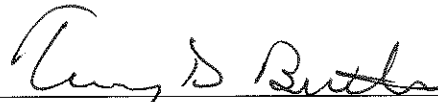
**WHEREAS**, The Indiana Bill of Rights in Article 1, Section 23 of the Indiana Constitution on Immunities and Privileges states, “The General Assembly

shall not grant to any ... class of citizens, privilege ... which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens;”

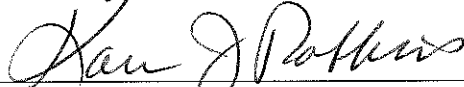
**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, That the undersigned Board of School Trustees setting in plenary session call upon their elected officials Representative Chet Dobis and Senator Earline Rogers to vote **AGAINST** passage of **House Bill 1003**.

**ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

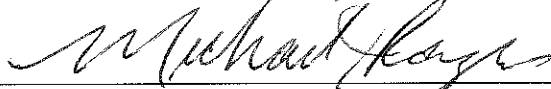
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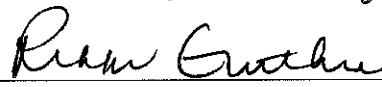
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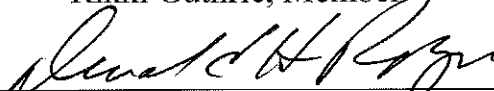
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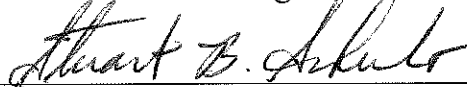
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