



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **LULAC RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PRIVATE SCHOOL EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS VOUCHERS**

**WHEREAS**, in 1929, the founders of the League of Latin American Citizens, (LU LAC) joined together to establish an organization that would become the largest, oldest and most successful Hispanic civil rights and service organization in the United; and

**WHEREAS**, LULAC is composed of Latino Citizens who reside in the United States and are advocates for children and families who attend local schools, and partner with educational organizations dealing with students from kindergarten through graduate university programs; and

**WHEREAS**, at a time when public schools at every level suffer from limited funding and increasing teacher shortages, it is unacceptable to LU LAC that the state legislatures plan to divert millions of dollars away from students to provide Private School Empowerment Scholarship Accounts; and

**WHEREAS** LULAC, based on its study of the issue, believes the accounts, commonly known as vouchers, would create a two-tier school system in the United States that segregates students and exacerbates an existing achievement gap; and

**WHEREAS**, voters consistently have shown that they oppose private school vouchers, and 63 percent were opposed to using public funds for private schools in an October 2016 poll; and

**WHEREAS**, the LULAC finds that a major expansion of Private School Empowerment Scholarship Accounts lacks appropriate financial and academic accountability;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that LULAC opposes the proposed diversion of taxpayer revenue away from the public schools to pay for Private School Empowerment Accounts.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2017 LULAC National Convention on July 8, 2017.

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