



**Williamson County Republican Party  
Williamson County, Tennessee  
January 28, 2025**

A resolution by the Williamson County Republican Party supporting school choice with a deliberative review of SB6001/HB6004.

WHEREAS, school choice is a foundational principle of the Republican Party platform, ensuring parents have the freedom to choose the best educational opportunities for their children; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has expressed a commitment to transferring education authority from the federal government to the states, including plans to eliminate the Federal Department of Education, thereby empowering states to oversee and innovate in education policy; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Education Freedom Act seeks to expand educational opportunities through scholarships for private education; and

WHEREAS, the current bill raises concerns regarding its potential long-term fiscal impacts, implementation challenges, and unintended consequences on public and private education systems, as detailed in fiscal and policy analyses; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that legislation of this magnitude undergoes thorough review to ensure its alignment with fiscal responsibility, accessibility for all Tennessee families, and adherence to conservative principles of limited government and local control;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Republican Party strongly affirms its support for school choice as a cornerstone of conservative values and applauds efforts to increase educational freedom;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Republican Party encourages lawmakers to refrain from rushing the passage of SB6001/HB6004 during a special session and instead prioritize the following recommendations for improvement:

- **Equal Access for Rural Communities:** Address the lack of private school options in rural areas, as over 40% of Tennessee's rural districts currently lack private schools, ensuring the program benefits all Tennessee families and does not exacerbate geographic inequities.
- **Fiscal Transparency and Accountability:** Clarify and cap administrative costs, minimize duplicate funding for public and private education (e.g., "double-dipping" TISA funding provisions), and ensure cost estimates are accurate and sustainable over the long term.

- Regulatory Guardrails: Safeguard private school autonomy by explicitly limiting future administrative rulemaking that could impose undue burdens or compromise the independence of participating private and religious schools.
- Special Needs Protections: Improve provisions for students with disabilities to ensure that families who choose private education retain access to individualized education programs (IEPs) and essential services.
- Comprehensive Program Review: Include a pilot program phase and data-driven evaluations to assess educational and fiscal outcomes before full-scale implementation statewide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Williamson County Republican Party urges lawmakers to incorporate these improvements to better align the bill with Republican values of equality, fiscal responsibility, and educational freedom while ensuring its success for all Tennesseans.

Adopted this 28th day of January 2025.

Electronically Signed

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