



**Special Called Business Meeting**

**December 5, 2023 2:30 PM**

**Collierville Schools Administrative Office - Upstairs Conference Room**

**145 West Poplar Avenue**

**Collierville, TN 38017**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Resolution 2024-10 Opposing the Education Freedom  
Scholarship Act

IV. Adjournment

Wright Cox, Chairman

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Dr. Gary Lilly, Director of Schools



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## Collierville Schools Board of Education Resolution 2024-10

### A JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN COLLIERVILLE SCHOOLS AND THE TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE BOARD, MAYOR, AND ALDERMEN OPPOSING THE EDUCATION FREEDOM ACT

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, requires that the General Assembly “shall provide for the maintenance, support and eligibility standards of a system of free public schools;” and

WHEREAS, public schools that provide a free and appropriate education for all, including students with disabilities, require all available state funding in order to continue to improve without necessitating an increased burden on local taxpayers or reducing services for students; and

WHEREAS, vouchers often divert public funds from the many who attend public schools to supplement those families who have already chosen a different option for the education of their children; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Collierville enthusiastically supports the mission, vision, beliefs, and goals of the Collierville Schools system and believes public funds should be directed to public schools for the betterment of the student population and community overall; and

WHEREAS, Collierville Schools educates and serves every eligible student in our community who wishes to enroll; and

WHEREAS, Collierville Schools is fully transparent to parents and the public as the district adheres to open record requests and state-mandated academic and financial standards; and

WHEREAS, all educational institutions receiving public funds should have the same accountability and performance reporting expectations so that parents and the public may better understand the use and efficacy of those public funds; and

WHEREAS, school choice already exists via district transfers, home schools, virtual schools, and private schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Collierville Schools Board of Education and Town of Collierville Board of Mayor and Aldermen are united in strongly urging the Tennessee General Assembly to reject the Education Freedom Scholarship Act or similar voucher initiatives that would divert public dollars away from public schools.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023

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WRIGHT COX, CHAIRMAN

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MISSY MARSHALL, ALDERMAN

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MOLLY MEHNER, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MICHAEL R. MARSHALL, BOARD ATTORNEY  
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NATHAN BICKS, BOARD ATTORNEY  
TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE