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To Whom It May Concer,

We believe that public schools play a vital role in f stering a sense of community and ensuring equitable access f rall students. By diverting public f nds to private institutions through voucher programs, we risk undermining the f undation of our public school system, which could result in reduced resources f r the very institutions responsible f r shaping our children's f ture. Worse, voucher programs could inadvertently allow f r selective admissions and leave students with special needs behind. Simply stated,

- Private school vouchers redirect f nding without academic or f na cial accountability;
- There is no requirement for private organizations that receive public dollars through a voucher to serve students with special needs, and
- The redirection of f nding to private organizations will have vast implications on the f ture of education across Texas.

Public schools are required to accommodate all students regardless of their backgrounds or abilities, and we should continue to receive the necessary finding to fill this m1ss1on.

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