**Resolution Transparency in Education**

**WHEREAS,** Texas school districts have become very secretive about what they teach, how they teach, the services they provide, and the data they collect and provide to third party vendors.

**WHEREAS,** Texas school districts are not disclosing contracts or agreements they have with government and private entities; said contracts incentivize and encourage specific behavior, decisions, and recommendations from district staff that ignore or eliminate choices for curricula.

**WHEREAS,** Texas school districts are restricting parents and community members from attending public meetings.

**WHEREAS,** Texas school districts are not transparent about the incentives behind the funds they receive from Federal, State, and Local agencies; many incentives are not in the best interest of the students.

**WHEREAS,** Texas school districts are spending millions of taxpayer funds to lobby and fight against the taxpayers, families, and parents.

**WHEREAS,** Texas school districts are conducting college and career readiness testing and placing students on a career track without disclosing the practice to taxpayers or notifying parents of testing or results.

**WHEREAS,** Texas school districts are taking disciplinary actions toward students without notifying parents.

**WHEREAS,** Texas school districts are storing and tracking information on students’ parents and families.

**WHEREAS**, Texas school districts are requiring students to preform or participate in testing that is unnecessary for academic education; for example: students being required to take a drug test, without cause, just to park on campus.

**THEREFORE,** we propose the following plank be added to the Texas GOP Platform:

**Plank #xxx. Full Transparency in Education:** Taxpayers and parents should have access to all aspects of education at the local, State and Federal level; access to everything a student does or has access to while on school property, participating in a school activity, or using technology. Taxpayers should have easy access to know where everything is purchased and how all revenue is obtained or calculated.

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County/Senate District #\_\_\_\_\_ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct #\_\_\_\_ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party of Texas.