



Texas' Proposed School Voucher Program

POSITION STATEMENT

The Nacogdoches County Chamber board of directors supports local partners in education and training for the purpose of building the best workforce for our community. The board recognizes Nacogdoches County public schools as major education and training partners.

With this in mind, the chamber board does not support funding a school voucher program as presented at this time for State Legislative approval.

The Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce believes the state's proposed voucher program:

- Will not improve the public education system in our area;
- Will not support local business growth and prosperity;
- Will serve as a detriment to our County's Independent School Districts.

Supporting factors for this position statement:

The recently completed annual chamber membership survey ranked "workforce development" as the second highest concern for our businesses. Therefore, workforce development is a high priority for the chamber.

The chamber's Strategy and Goals statements include providing programs for developing a vibrant workforce pool for our members, and Nacogdoches County schools are the pathway for chamber programs to reach our youth.

Nacogdoches County ISDs equip and train our future workforce.

Nacogdoches County ISDs are major employers for our local communities.