

Clarinda Community Schools Board of Directors

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To:

From: Clarinda Community School District Board of Directors

We are writing today to share our concern that the Iowa Legislature is considering enacting SF 159, a scholarship fund for the purpose of enacting educational savings accounts or vouchers, expanded open enrollment leading to segregation and expanded tax credits which will be funneled to non-public schools. This will take much needed tax dollars away from public schools to support private schools which would undermine the work of public schools for our children. Funding lost to the public school that is tied to enrollment could equate to over \$9000 per student plus the \$1000 per pupil for SAVE. According to recent data approximately 137 Iowa school districts will be on budget guarantees for the 2020-21 school year. Find attached the resolution passed unanimously by the Clarinda Community School District Board of Directors on (date) opposing the passage of SF 159.

The initial appropriation of \$40 million may seem modest. Other states such as Arizona started with diverting \$ 1 million to non-public education. Now that amount has increased to \$300 million. These monies are moving directly away from public schools. This is a **very** slippery slope in the wrong direction for Iowa School Districts.

The Clarinda Community School District Board Directors met on (date) , at 423 East Nodaway Street Clarinda, Iowa 51632, with the following members present:.....