

ANTI-VOUCHER RESOLUTION

- Whereas, this nation was founded on the principle of free public education for all children, and
- Whereas, public education defines and advances our nation's commitment to the basic principles of equity, fairness and opportunity for all, and
- Whereas, a system of vouchers has the potential of discriminating among students on the basis of ability, sex, income, location and religion, thereby segregating American children, and
- Whereas, the American Association of University Women of Michigan supports a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, and
- Whereas, the American Association of University Women of Michigan supports adequate and equitable funding for quality education for all children, and
- Whereas, the American Association of University Women of Michigan supports the use of public funds for public schools only, and
- Whereas, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan states: No public monies shall be appropriated or paid or any public credit utilized to aid or maintain any private, denominational or other nonpublic, pre-elementary, elementary, or secondary school. No payment, credit, tax benefit or tuition voucher of public monies shall be provided, directly or indirectly, to support the attendance of any student at any such nonpublic school; now therefore be it
- Resolved, that the American Association of University Women of Michigan will join with the appropriate efforts and/or actions of individuals and/or groups who oppose the implementation of the use of vouchers, tax credits, scholarships, or any other efforts to provide taxpayer dollars to parents of private school students, to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools, or to home-schooled children for the purposes of financing an alternative to public education; and
- Resolved That the appropriate efforts and/or activities are to be determined by the AAUW of Michigan State Board of Directors.