

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPPOSING STATEWIDE OR ALTERNATE CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Board of Education is comprised of members who are popularly elected to be responsible for providing a local system of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, charter schools do not presently operate in Williamson County but have had a presence in Tennessee for more than ten years with local boards serving as authorizers; and

**WHEREAS**, charter schools are public schools and their failures or successes are attributed to the authorizing school system, which in Williamson County is likely to be the Williamson County Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Board of Education would thoughtfully and systematically review a charter application prior to making a determination to approve or deny the application; and

**WHEREAS**, charter applicants may appeal a denial by the Williamson County Board of Education to the state board of education; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Williamson County Board of Education and its employees are in the community every day working with parents, teachers, and students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Board of Education works diligently to make the best decisions for its students and stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, each school district is unique and decisions impacting public education should be made by the elected board of education which has a physical presence in the community, not by an appointed body with no such presence; and

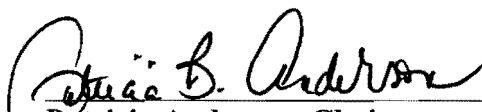
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:**

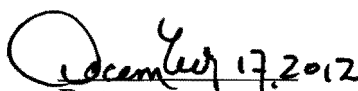
The Williamson County Board of Education opposes any legislation to create a statewide or alternate authorizer for charter schools seeking approval in Williamson County that would bypass the Williamson County Board of Education and usurp the responsibilities entrusted to the Board by its constituents.

Votes: 12 In Favor

\_\_\_\_\_ Against  
\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

The Board authorizes its Chair to sign below, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

  
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Patricia Anderson, Chair

  
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Date