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Coalition For Public Schools Reiterates Opposition To School Vouchers

As a vote nears Friday on House Bill 1, public education advocates urge lawmakers to reject any deal on school funding that's tied to a voucher.

AUSTIN, Texas — [In a joint letter](#), the Coalition for Public Schools has once again voiced its refusal to accept any bargain that diverts taxpayer dollars to private schools.

House Bill 1 by Rep. Brad Buckley, another attempt to “sweeten the pot” on vouchers with some additional funding for public schools, is set to be voted on by the Texas House this Friday.

“Taxpayer-funded private school vouchers have continued to fail in Texas because they’re bad policy and politics,” the letter states. “The state of play is no different today than it was during the regular session when a bipartisan coalition stopped multiple attempts to force vouchers through the legislative process.”

Over [1,000 pages of public comments](#) were submitted to the House Select Committee on Educational Opportunity and Enrichment before it passed HB 1 through for a vote. The bulk of those comments registered opposition to the bill and Gov. Abbott’s continued quest for school privatization.

[Read the full letter from the Coalition for Public Schools.](#)