

TUITION TAX CREDITS

- WHEREAS, Legislative consideration has been given to providing parents and sponsors of students in private and parochial elementary and secondary schools with tax deductions on their state income taxes for tuition paid to these schools; and
- WHEREAS, Any form of tax credit or tax deduction to such parents or sponsors serves as indirect aid to nonpublic education; and
- WHEREAS, This diversion of public funds conflicts with constitutional principles dealing with the separation of church and state in Missouri; and
- WHEREAS, Public education is available to all children and these parents have simply exercised their prerogative to utilize nonpublic education; and
- WHEREAS, Tax credits or deductions to these parents and sponsors would decrease state revenues and put a heavier burden upon other taxpayers; and
- WHEREAS, The Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers has historically favored the use of public funds for public education only; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers opposes tax credit or income tax deductions for tuition paid by parent or sponsors for nonpublic elementary and secondary school children.

Reaffirmed 1977