**ESA Sample Emails**

**Sample Email #1**

*Subject Line: Constituent – Vote no on ESAs*

Good Morning [or] Afternoon Representative [or] Senator (insert legislator’s name),

My name is (insert name) and I am (insert board role) from the (insert school district) and I wanted to email you about my concern over the educational savings account (ESA) conversation at the capitol.

*Explain in 3-4 sentences how ESAs might affect your district. Here are some other items to expand on:*

1. *Iowa’s public school graduation rate is best in nation (91%)*
2. *Many of the education reforms have not been fully implemented. Any public funds should go to public schools to help implement those reforms.*
3. *There is already school choice in Iowa in the forms of open enrollment, online schools, and tuition tax credits*
4. *Most public and private schools already have collaborative working relationships. Policies should not be implemented that pit one against the other*

As you can see, our school is doing some pretty amazing things to make sure every student gets the education they need. I would urge you and the legislature to find more ways in which private and public schools can collaborate instead of pitting us against each other. I appreciate your service to our area and know that you face many difficult decisions as a legislator. If I can be of any assistance to you when this issue comes up, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you!

(Insert your name)

(Insert your title)

(Insert your school district)

(Insert your contact information)

**Sample Email #2**

*Subject Line: Constituent – Vote no on ESAs*

Good Morning [or] Afternoon Representative [or] Senator (insert legislator’s name),

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to email you about opposing any legislation that would create an educational savings account (ESA). I am currently (insert role, President/VP/Member) of the (insert school district) and, if passed, could have negative unintended consequences.

*Explain in 3-4 sentences how ESAs might affect your district. Here are some other items to expand on:*

1. *Iowa’s public school graduation rate is best in nation (91%)*
2. *Many of the education reforms have not been fully implemented. Any public funds should go to improve the schools designed to serve all students.*
3. *There is already school choice in Iowa in the forms of open enrollment, online schools, and tuition tax credits*
4. *Most public and private schools already have collaborative working relationships. Policies should not be implemented that pit one against the other*

Multiple research studies have shown that ESAs do not help every student. I would urge you and the legislature to foster more ways in which private and public schools can collaborate instead of pitting us against the other. I appreciate your time and service to our area. I know you face many difficult decisions every day as a legislator. If I can be of any assistance to you when this issue comes up, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you!

(Insert your name)

(Insert your title)

(Insert your school district)

(Insert your contact information)

**Sample Email #3**

*Subject Line: Constituent – Vote no on ESAs*

Good Morning [or] Afternoon Representative [or] Senator (insert legislator’s name),

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to email you about opposing any legislation that would create an educational savings account (ESA). I am currently serving as (insert role, President/VP/Member) of the (insert school district). I appreciate that education has taken such a priority this session but I believe this erodes the strong partnership that exists between public and nonpublic schools in Iowa.

*Explain in 3-4 sentences how ESAs might affect your district. Here are some other items to expand on:*

1. *Iowa’s public school graduation rate is best in nation (90.8%)*
2. *Many of the education reforms have not been fully implemented. Any public funds should go to improve the schools designed to serve all students.*
3. *There is already school choice in Iowa in the forms of open enrollment, online schools, and tuition tax credits*
4. *Most public and private schools already have collaborative working relationships. Policies should not be implemented that pit one against the other*

I know you will have to make several tough decisions this legislative session and many people will be asking for your support on many issues. I would be happy to provide additional information or answer any questions you might have. Please feel free to call or email me. I appreciate your time and service to our state.

Thank you!

(Insert your name)

(Insert your title)

(Insert your school district)

(Insert your contact information)