

**EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**IN SUPPORT OF FAIR AND EQUITABLE STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 872**

**WHEREAS**, the Everett School District receives the majority of its annual revenue from the state's basic education apportionment formulas for teaching, administrative, and classified staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the state's basic education apportionment formulas fund teaching, administrative, and classified staff at different dollar amounts for different school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding disparities do not reflect any rational differences in geography, demographics, student population, cost of living, or any other educationally relevant variable, and do not serve any compelling government interest; and

**WHEREAS**, these funding inequities have a ripple effect on other areas of education funding, including employee benefit and special education reimbursements, as well as the ability of local taxpayers to levy additional revenue for the maintenance and operation of schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Everett School District would have received approximately \$2,991.00 of additional state revenue for salaries for each classified staffing unit and approximately \$22,160.00 of additional state revenue for salaries for each certificated administrative unit for an additional grand total of approximately \$2,431,187.00 for the 2006-07 school year if the state apportionment formulas funded Everett equally with other school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Way School District No. 210 has filed a complaint for declaratory action challenging the constitutionality of the inequitable funding formulas for teaching, administrative, and classified staff; and

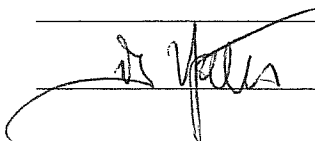
**WHEREAS**, the state legislature is considering Senate Bill 5135 and House Bill 1540, which would equalize salary allocations over six years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of Everett School District No. 2 as follows:

1. The Board supports legislative efforts to equalize the state funding formulas, and believes that any equalization effort should address funding for teaching, administrative, and classified staff simultaneously; and
2. The Board believes SB 5135 and HB 1540 should be amended to equalize funding for all three staffing categories at the same pace and within the same time period, and supports the passage of such an amended SB 5135 and HB 1540 in the 2007 Washington State legislative session; and
3. The Board supports legal efforts to establish the unconstitutionality of the current inequitable funding formulas; and
4. The Superintendent is directed to communicate this Resolution to Governor Christine Gregoire, State Senator Margarita Prentice, State Representative Helen Sommers, State Representative Kathy Haigh, and all state legislators whose districts include a portion of the Everett School District.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of Everett School District No. 2 at an open public meeting held on April 9, 2007 notice of which was given as required by law, the following directors being present and voting therefor.

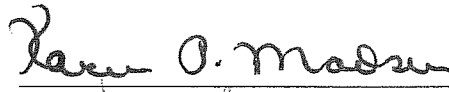
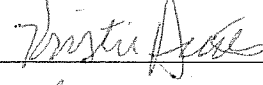
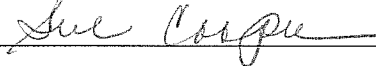
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Attest:

  
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Carol Whitehead, Ed.D.  
Secretary to the Board

  
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