

EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
RESOLUTION NO. 882

In Support of Proposed Constitutional Amendment EHJR 4204 Allowing Local School Levies to be Approved by a Simple Majority of Voters

WHEREAS, Washington's constitution emphatically states that there is no higher priority than the education of all children; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental mission of Washington's public schools is to ensure that all students possess the knowledge and skills to be responsible citizens and enjoy productive and satisfying lives; and

WHEREAS, adequate, stable funding is critical to the fulfillment of this mission; and

WHEREAS, resources provided through voter-approved school levies are essential to the Everett School District's ability to provide a well-rounded, quality education to each student; and

WHEREAS, local levy dollars account for a significant portion of the Everett School District operating budget; and

WHEREAS, despite its overarching mission, the Everett School District and all other school districts in Washington State are subject to obsolete laws that require a higher "supermajority" threshold for voter approval of school levies; and

WHEREAS, Everett School District maintenance and operations levies are routinely supported by a majority of voters but have occasionally failed because of this unfair and antiquated threshold; and

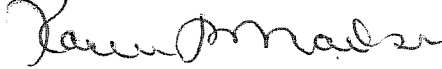
WHEREAS, the supermajority requirement allows a minority of voters to obstruct resources for student learning when those resources are clearly supported by the majority; and

WHEREAS, EHJR 4204 would restore fairness and equity by allowing school levies to be approved by a majority of those voting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Everett School District strongly supports EHJR 4204 to allow citizens throughout the state to support student learning and success through simple majority approval of school levies.

Dated this 5th day of June 2007 at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Everett School District No. 2.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:




President



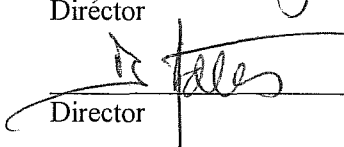
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ATTEST:

By: 

Superintendent & Secretary to the Board