

EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 -- EVERETT, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION 791

POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO USE OF THE WASL AS A BARRIER TO GRADUATION

WHEREAS, the following warning appears in the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's own technical reports on the WASL;

"While school and district scores may be useful in curriculum and instructional planning, it is important to exercise extreme caution when interpreting individual reports. The items included on WASL tests are samples from a larger domain. Scores from one test given on a single occasion should never be used to make important decisions about students' placement, the type of instruction they receive, or retention in a given grade level in school. It is important to corroborate individual scores on WASL tests with classroom-based and other local evidence of student learning (e.g., scores from district testing programs). When making decisions about individuals, multiple sources of information should be used and multiple individuals who are familiar with the student's progress and achievement (including parents, teachers, school counselors, school psychologists, specialist teachers, and possibly even the students themselves) should be brought together to make such decisions collaboratively."

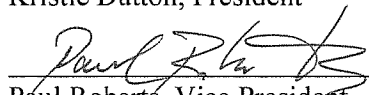
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of Everett Public Schools is opposed to the use of the WASL as the single assessment measure for high school graduation, but instead supports student accountability efforts based on multiple, reliable measures of student achievement.

ADOPTED this 27 day of Jan., 2004.

Everett School District Board of Directors

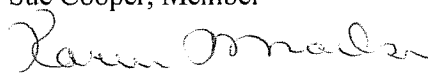


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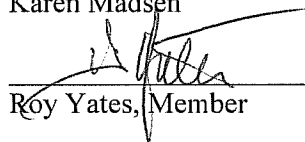


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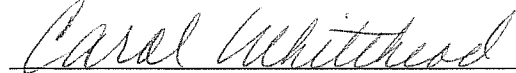


Karen Madsen



Roy Yates, Member

Attest:



Carol Whitehead, Ed.D.
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