

**EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2
4730 Colby Avenue
Everett, Washington 98203**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2
RESOLUTION No. 726**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR

FULL FUNDING OF I-732 AND I-728 BY THE

WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the Everett School District Board of Directors, together with the Everett Education Association, Everett Association of Educational Assistants (EAEA), Everett Association of Educational Office Personnel (EAEOP), Everett Registered Nurses Association (ERNA), Snohomish County Building and Construction Trades Council (SCBCTC), Service Employees International Union Local 120 (SEIU), and Everett Association of School Administrators (EASA) are committed to effective fiscal management for the improvement of student learning, and

WHEREAS Initiative 732 finds that salaries for educators have not kept up with the increased cost-of-living in the state, threatening Washington's ability to attract first-rate teachers to Washington classrooms and to keep well-qualified educators from leaving for other professions, and

WHEREAS Initiative 732 provides for annual cost-of-living increases for school district employees beginning in the 2001-2002 school year, and

WHEREAS Initiative 732 further states that "...each school district shall be provided a cost-of-living allocation sufficient to grant this cost-of-living increase... to all employees of the district," and

WHEREAS Initiative 728 finds that the erosion of state funding for K-12 education is directly at odds with the state's paramount duty to make ample provision for the education of all children, and

WHEREAS Initiative 728 directs substantial new revenues to school districts to use in targeted ways to increase student achievement, and

WHEREAS Initiative 728 further states that "it is the intent of the people that existing state funding for education, including all sources of such funding, shall not be reduced, supplanted or otherwise adversely impacted by appropriations...from the student achievement fund," and

WHEREAS failure by the legislature to comply with the funding directives of Initiatives 732 and 728 as stated herein will negatively impact the current educational program of students in the Everett School District and will preclude the district from increasing funding levels for lowering class size, providing extended learning opportunities, early childhood assistance and professional development programs,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Everett School District Board of Directors, together with the Everett Education Association (EEA), Everett Association of Educational Assistants (EAEA), Everett Association of Educational Office Personnel (EAEOP), Everett Registered Nurses Association (ERNA), Snohomish County Building and Construction Trades Council (SCBCTC), Service Employees International Union Local 120 (SEIU), and Everett Association of School Administrators (EASA), strongly urge the Washington State Legislature to follow the spirit and intent of voter approved Initiatives 732 and 728, by fully funding both initiatives without reducing or supplanting currently existing funding levels.

Signed this 8th day of May, 2001.



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