

**RESOLUTION 971**  
**Resolution Opposing Initiative 1033**

WHEREAS, Washington's funding for education is already 44<sup>th</sup> in the nation, despite being identified as our "paramount duty" in the state constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature reduced 2009-2010 funding for K-12 public students by \$1.5 billion and used \$500 million in federal stimulus dollars to avoid even deeper cuts; and

WHEREAS, most districts experienced the biggest cuts they had seen in 30 years; and

WHEREAS, these budget reductions are having profound impacts on the quality of life for Washington citizens on a daily basis and significant funding cutbacks have already been made to K-12 educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 will reduce state revenue by an estimated \$5.9 billion by 2015; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 would establish new limits on the growth in state, county and city general fund revenues, which would result in state general revenues being reduced by an estimated \$5.9 billion by 2015 and will force even deeper cuts to public schools and colleges; and

WHEREAS, an initiative like 1033 dropped K-12 funding in Colorado from 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation to 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 would result in the Washington State Legislature being forced to make reductions in education, social services and health services that support students and allow schools to help students learn and succeed and will have a devastating impact on K-12 education, higher education and the employers who rely on a well-educated work force; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 will hurt student learning, the economic future of our state economy and well being of our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Everett Public Schools and the Executive Board of the Everett Education Association/United Teachers of Everett do hereby oppose Initiative 1033.

Dated this 20 day of October 2009, by  
EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dated this 20 day of October 2009, by  
EVERETT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION/UNITED  
TEACHERS OF EVERETT EXECUTIVE BOARD

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