

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

RESOLUTION No. 759

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR REFERENDUM 51

WHEREAS, public education and the Everett School District are dependent upon a healthy economy and tax base that is compromised by traffic gridlock costing the state \$2 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, traffic gridlock in the Puget Sound area is among the worst in the nation, and the boundaries of the Everett School District fall entirely within the most congested sub-areas of the Puget Sound region, the I-5 corridor between Everett and Seattle; and

WHEREAS, traffic gridlock costs thousands of hours of time and dollars for the Everett School District as we carry out our obligations to transport our students, particularly during the morning peak hours; and

WHEREAS, A.M. peak traffic creates situations affecting the start time of many of our schools, particularly those in the central and southern part of the Everett School District; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our students, teachers, staff and parents are threatened by dangerous roads, overpasses, and bridges in need of repair or replacement, and this threat constitutes a public health and safety risk for the Everett School District; and

WHEREAS, R-51 will fund a high priority list of safety and traffic relief projects in every part of the state including the I-5 corridor and within the boundaries of the Everett School District; and

WHEREAS, R-51 will provide additional funds to cash strapped cities and counties including Everett, Mill Creek and Snohomish County to help repair and maintain local roads, improve street safety near our schools, and improve local bus service; and

WHEREAS, R-51 includes important checks and balances to track new revenues and the delivery of improvements from start to finish, including mandatory audits, constitutional protection and reports to taxpayers to ensure accountability; and


WHEREAS, R-51 will help make our roads, highways and bridges safer; reduce traffic congestion; improve our public transportation, rail and ferry systems; and enhance safety around our schools;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Everett School District Board of Directors SUPPORTS Referendum 51 as a means to improve traffic safety, efficiency in the operation of our schools and school transportation systems, and for the overall benefit of public education and Washington State's economy.

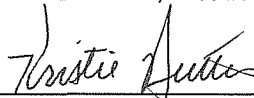
ADOPTED by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting thereof held October 8, 2002.



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Attest: 

CAROL WHITEHEAD, Secretary to the Board