EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 Everett WA

RESOLUTION 573 EXAMINATION OF STATE FUNDING OF EDUCATION WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the State of Washington is responsible for making ample provision for education of all students under Article 9 of the Washington Constitution; and

WHEREAS, many school districts in the State of Washington are concerned about public confidence, public support and public funding for public schools; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to prepare and distribute information to the public to explain the operation and maintenance of schools of the District pursuant to RCW 28A.320.090; and

WHEREAS, many other school districts have similar concerns and it is more efficient for all concerned districts to jointly obtain services and information that will benefit the group and each of its members; and

WHEREAS, the public appears to expect a higher level of educational program and resources than now available; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to obtain information on school organization, administration, operation, finance and instruction pursuant to RCW 28A.320.110; and

WHEREAS, the courts have declared that Article 9 requires full funding of regular program staff and non-employee related costs, special education, bilingual education, remedial education, transportation, and other costs; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing controversy as to whether the State has fulfilled its obligations under Article 9 as such studies are needed to make that determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. In concert with other State school districts, the District supports the examination of the state of education in Washington to include but not limited to: (1) the programs and resources that (a) the public expects and demands; (b) the public and educational experts have concluded are necessary, and (c) state and federal law requires, (2) the essential costs of those programs and resources, and (3) the funding presently being provided by the State for those programs and resources. These analyses may include but need not be limited to opinion polling, interviews, expert studies, review of public records, and legal research.
- 2. The Superintendent is authorized to commit the District to provide \$1 per FTE student in initial funding for these analyses.

Adopted this 13th day of May, 1996.

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