

1 Education

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3 **WHEREAS** we support a quality education for every child by providing funding needed for  
4 all students to achieve educational excellence; and such an education requires adequate and  
5 equitable funding from public tax sources for schools to obtain the resources (e.g., personnel,  
6 programs, materials, buildings, and technology) to meet the needs of all students; and  
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8 **WHEREAS** we support the concept that public monies should not be provided for students  
9 to attend sectarian schools or other institutions in order to obtain educational services  
10 available to them in public schools to which they have reasonable access; in addition, we  
11 believe that any private school or agency that receives public funding through voucher  
12 plans, tax credits, or other funding/financial arrangements must be subject to full  
13 accountability through measures and regulations as required for equivalent public schools;  
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15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats call upon  
16 Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire, Washington State Senate Majority Leader  
17 Lisa Brown and Washington State Speaker of the House Frank Chopp to ensure that  
18 sectarian schools receiving public funding through voucher plans, tax credits, and other  
19 funding or financial arrangements be subject to full accountability through measures and  
20 regulations as required for equivalent public schools.  
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23 Submitted by the San Juan County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for  
24 consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/22/2008)  
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26 The Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A  
27 PASS" at its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.  
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29 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14, 2008  
30 meeting in Spokane.  
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