

Education

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3 **WHEREAS** we support a quality education for every child by providing funding
4 needed for all students to achieve educational excellence; and such an education
5 requires adequate and equitable funding from public tax sources for schools to obtain
6 the resources (e.g., personnel, programs, materials, buildings, and technology) to meet
7 the needs of all students; and

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9 **WHEREAS** we support the concept that public monies should not be provided for
10 students to attend sectarian schools or other institutions in order to obtain educational
11 services available to them in public schools to which they have reasonable access; in
12 addition, we believe that any private school or agency that receives public funding
13 through voucher plans, tax credits, or other funding/financial arrangements must be
14 subject to full accountability through measures and regulations as required for
15 equivalent public schools;

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17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats call upon
18 Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire, Washington State Senate Majority
19 Leader Lisa Brown and Washington State Speaker of the House Frank Chopp to ensure
20 that sectarian schools receiving public funding through voucher plans, tax credits, and
21 other funding or financial arrangements be subject to full accountability through
22 measures and regulations as required for equivalent public schools.
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25 Submitted by the San Juan County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
26 consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/22/2008)

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28 The Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED
29 A PASS" at its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.

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31 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14,
32 2008 meeting in Spokane.