

## Attain a World-Class Public Education

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government of the United States has mandated by law that all states comply with the strict federal guidelines for Education and student graduation success;

**WHEREAS** Article IX of the Washington State Constitution stipulates that public education is the state's paramount duty;

**WHEREAS** less affluent communities and communities with weak property tax base are at grave disadvantage when schools rely on levy revenue to fund education;

**WHEREAS** Washington's public schools were 46<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states in 2008 for class size, 42<sup>nd</sup> in educational spending per pupil, and last among the five West Coast states for teacher salaries; and

**WHEREAS** the Washington State Supreme Court ruled in Federal Way District 210 v. Washington State that the Legislature must provide funding ample to maintain a general and uniform system; and

**WHEREAS** education is and will continue to be the most important component in individual and national success and growth;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party supports full state and federal government funding for public education, pre-school through post-secondary, including college, as this is in the best interest of both the people of the state and the nation as a whole; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an electronic copy of this resolution be sent to all members of the State Legislature and to the Washington State Congressional Delegation along with a request for response within thirty days, listing the actions they are willing to take to support this resolution or a list of the reasons explaining why it cannot be supported.

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Submitted by the Clallam County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 4/13/2010)

Recommended Pass with amendments by the Subcommittee on Education, Health Care, and Transportation. (Date Considered 5/2/2010)

42 Recommended Pass with amendments by the State Convention Platform Committee.  
43 (Date Considered 6/5/2010)  
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45 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 26,  
46 2010 meeting in Vancouver.