

## Charter Schools Resolution

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3 **WHEREAS** the platform of the Washington State Democrats specifically opposes  
4 publicly funded charter schools;

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6 **WHEREAS** the voters of Washington State have defeated charter school measures three  
7 times;

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9 **WHEREAS** charter school operators have “become increasingly hostile to unions”;

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11 **WHEREAS** teacher turnover is higher in charter schools than in traditional public  
12 schools, and increases administrative and training costs, creates organizational  
13 disruption, and makes it difficult to maintain a high level of instructional quality;

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15 **WHEREAS** peer-reviewed research shows that 83% of charter schools perform no better  
16 than public schools;

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18 **WHEREAS** charter schools overall serve far fewer children with special needs than  
19 comparable public schools, and especially children with the most severe disabilities;

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21 **WHEREAS** charter school populations are more segregated and less diverse than public  
22 schools;

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24 **WHEREAS** charter schools often shift publicly funded district moneys to private  
25 interests; and

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27 **WHEREAS** charter schools represent a privatization of public schools;

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29 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats urge the  
30 Washington State Legislature to oppose any charter school bill; and

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32 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, upon passage, this resolution be  
33 communicated to the Washington State Democratic Legislative Caucuses.  
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36 Submitted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State  
37 Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its January 28, 2012 meeting in  
38 Shelton. (Date Submitted 1/12/2012)

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40 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee “AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND  
41 RECOMMENDED A PASS” at its January 28, 2012 meeting in Shelton.

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43 The WSDCC “PASSED” this resolution at its January 28, 2012 meeting in Shelton.