

## “Equitable opportunity for All” Legislation

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3 **WHEREAS** the Multi-Ethnic Think Tank (METT) issued in 2002 a position paper  
4 “Equitable and Culturally Competent Education”;

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6 **WHEREAS** a Low Socio-Economic Think Tank was part of METT;

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8 **WHEREAS** the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) and other  
9 assessment tools continue to reveal a systemic failure to provide equitable academic  
10 achievement;

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12 **WHEREAS** a coalition of Tribal Councils have taken the position paper “off the Office  
13 of the Superintendent of Public Instruction shelf” seeking full implementation;

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15 **WHEREAS** State Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos has agreed to be principal  
16 sponsor of such legislation;

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18 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the WSDCC supports legislative implementation  
19 of the 2002 METT position paper “Equitable and Culturally Competent Education”;

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21 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that students with disabilities and  
22 English Language Learners be included in such legislation.

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26 County Democrat Central Committee (1/25/05)

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