

Lake Washington PTSA Board of Directors

RESOLUTION No. 1

WHEREAS the Lake Washington PTSA Council is organized to promote the health, education and welfare of children of our community; and

WHEREAS the Lake Washington School District depends on revenues from the State of Washington General Fund to support a substantial portion of its educational program; and

WHEREAS Initiative I-1033, which will be on the general election ballot in November, 2009 would, if approved, place a cap on expenditures from the state general fund tied to the level of state tax receipts during calendar year 2009; and

WHEREAS due to the current economic conditions, state tax receipts during 2009 are expected to be considerably less than those in prior years; and

WHEREAS due to the anticipated decline in state tax receipts during 2009, the Washington State Legislature has reduced the appropriation for K-12 education by more than one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) below the amount necessary to maintain the same level of services for the expected student enrollment during the 2009-11 biennium; and

WHEREAS this reduced appropriation has resulted in losses of teaching and support positions throughout the state of Washington and in the Lake Washington School District; and

WHEREAS the approval of I-1033 would have the effect of locking in those cuts so that the cuts could not be restored when the economy improves and state revenue levels are restored; and

WHEREAS although I-1033 would allow revenues to increase by an amount equal to general inflation and the general population, such adjustments will not be sufficiently flexible to accommodate actual increases in costs of providing educational programs and increasing enrollments; and

WHEREAS other cuts to the state general fund budget have resulted in the curtailment of social services affecting children from low income families, children in foster care, and children in need of health services; and

WHEREAS Initiative 1033 is modeled after a similar law that was adopted in Colorado and which resulted in such a degradation of public education and social services that the people of Colorado have since voted to suspend the law;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Lake Washington PTSA Council Board of Directors opposes the adoption of Initiative 1033;
2. The Lake Washington PTSA Council Board of Directors encourages all voters in the community to vote to reject Initiative 1033;
3. The Presidents and Secretary and/or other officers designated by the presidents are authorized to use any and all lawful means to communicate this resolution to the membership of the Lake Washington PTSA Council and the community which it serves.

This resolution was adopted on October 15, 2009, at a duly called regular meeting of the Lake Washington PTSA Council Board of Directors on the motion of: Wendy DeLong; seconded by: Michele Stanish-Walls.

ATTESTED:

Jodi Linstead

Jodi Linstead, Secretary

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