

Resolution to Support & Endorse LWSD 2014 Levy & Bond Measures

STEM HIGH SCHOOL PTSA 2.8.105

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION by STEM High School PTSA in support of the Lake Washington Citizens Levy Committee (LWCLC) and Lake Washington School District (LWSD) 2014 Levy and Bond Measures, to the benefit of all LWSD students, communities, and stakeholders:

WHEREAS, State law prohibits school districts from campaigning to pass its local levies and bonds every 4-8 years, yet in recognition of the reality that it takes funding to perform a successful public schools measures campaign, citizens created LWCLC in 1978 to raise contributions to fund informational materials and promotional activities;

WHEREAS, for the 2014 school measures election, STEM High School PTSA has received a request for formal support of LWCLC, an independent, all-volunteer, non-profit coordinator and promoter of school levy and bond campaigns in the cities forming the extended community of LWSD - Kirkland, Redmond, Sammamish, and neighborhoods within Woodinville and Bellevue – around each of LWSD's 51 high-performing schools; the PDC-registered LWCLC is funded wholly through private, local contributions, 100% of which go toward communicating the election issues and campaign activities to help pass LWSD's measures with the required support of voters throughout the extended LWSD community;

WHEREAS, as a community we have continually stepped up to our important role in financing our children's education - in a District our size, not all building needs can be included in one bond issue in a given 8-year cycle – voter support and taxes must be addressed over several election cycles. For any one school to receive what it needs by when it needs it, every levy and bond measure must be passed.

WHEREAS, in ongoing tight budgets, local levy dollars have never been more important, and have become necessary funding: levies fund over 22% of LWSD's annual operating budget (in the past local levies paid for extra academic activities, enrichment courses, and student activities, but have shifted to paying for essential, Washington State mandated daily operations), and facility levies and capital bonds fund over 90% of the construction and modernizations that serve our nearly 26,000 students;

WHEREAS, LWSD has a consistent record of accountability, using local dollars exactly as portrayed and voted upon, within budget, to achieve its comprehensive plan for sustaining high-performing schools;

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2013, the Lake Washington Board of Directors adopted Resolutions Nos. 2162, 2163, and 2164 and authorized submittal of these replacement levies and new bond ballot measures to the community for a special election held February 11, 2014 for an overall tax rate of \$4.73 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that passage of the three 2014 election school measures greatly enhances the ongoing educational needs of all Lake Washington School District students.

As such, STEM High School PTSA hereby declares its formal support to Lake Washington Citizens Levy Committee with a pledge of \$600 Dollars and the endorsement of School Board 2014 election measures Resolutions 2162, 2163, and 2164.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2013

_____, Presidents 2013-14, STEM High School PTSA

Elizabeth Hansford and Jon Clark