

# School Board Action Report

*“Every student achieving, everyone accountable”*



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## **STRATEGIC THEME/**

**FOCUS AREA:** Improving Basic Education in Washington State

## **TITLE AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

Resolution 2008/09-5 in support of HB 1410, creating a comprehensive system of public education programs, finance and accountability	For Introduction:	January 21, 2009
	For Action:	February 11, 2009

## **TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION/EVALUATION**

If approved this Resolution will be transmitted by February 13, 2009.

## **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

I recommend that the School Board approve the following motion:

I move that the School Board approve Resolution 2008/09-5 in support of House Bill 1410.

## **ISSUE**

This bill (and the corollary Senate Bill 5444) would enact the findings of the Basic Education Funding Task Force. The bill would create a resourced, phased-in new educational model that would include Core 24, changes to the teacher compensation system, a focus on historically disadvantaged children, and increased accountability.

## **BEST PRACTICES**

This bill reflects the findings of the Basic Education Funding Task Force.

## **RESEARCH AND DATA SOURCES**

Review of the findings of the Basic Education Funding Task Force.

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

If approved policies may be impacted.

**FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE**

If approved and fully funded Seattle Public Schools' basic education funding should increase.

**Expenditure:**    **One-time**    **Annual**

**CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend that this Resolution be approved.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [Resolution 2008/09-5](#)
2. [Basic Ed Funding—A Model Schools Approach](#) (*note that this attachment references Article IV of the State Constitution, which is incorrect—it is Article IX that pertains to education*)
3. The findings of the Basic Education Funding Task Force can be found on-line at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/joint/committees/bef/> (click on Final Report); this includes links to all the proposals made by task force members.
4. [House Bill 1410](#) and [Senate Bill 5444](#)
5. [Staff Analysis](#)