

**Seattle School District #1
Board Resolution**

Resolution No. 2017/18-3



A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Seattle Public School District No. 1, King County, Seattle, Washington in support of goals-aligned partnerships for Career and Technical Education (CTE).

WHEREAS, Seattle Public Schools is committed that every student receives a high-quality education and graduates prepared for college, career, and life; and

WHEREAS, Career and Technical Education courses within the K-12 system provide middle and high school students with opportunities to acquire life and workplace skills and can inspire continuing vocational or post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, Washington students who participate in CTE programs graduate at a 92% rate compared to an average 78% graduation rate across Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Seattle students who participate in CTE classes closely match the racial, economic, and gender composition of the District as a whole; and

WHEREAS, overall CTE participation in Seattle Public Schools is significantly lower than comparable neighboring and peer districts; and

WHEREAS, the urgency for expanding high-quality CTE coincides with our ongoing work to reimagine high schools, the 24 credit graduation requirement, growing student enrollment, and broad support for CTE in local, state, and national government; and

WHEREAS, authentic and effective CTE programs must be adequately funded and equipped, align with career and post-secondary opportunities, and engage industry and labor expertise for program design, curriculum, and efficacy; and

WHEREAS, student participation and engagement in CTE courses requires support of caring adults as educators, counselors, mentors, and advisors who are representative of student demographics;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Board of Directors of Seattle Public Schools as follows:

- I. We affirm our belief that CTE programs support our commitment to eliminate opportunity gaps and provide valuable learning experiences for all students.

- II. We recognize that under the current budget and organizational constraints, CTE programs cannot sustainably operate at the highest quality levels and their potential for expansion is severely limited.

- III. We encourage our partners - parents, parent organizations, higher education, labor organizations, government agencies, industry and philanthropic groups, community-based organizations, and others - to join us in support of sustainably funding, implementing, and expanding high-quality middle and high school CTE programs in Seattle Public Schools.


ADOPTED this 1st day of November, 2017



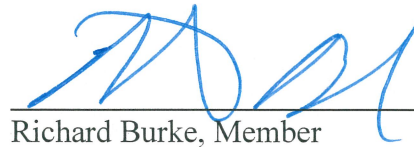
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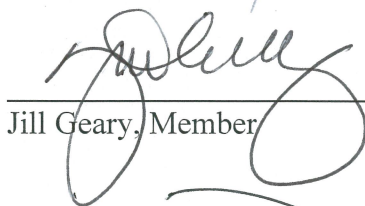
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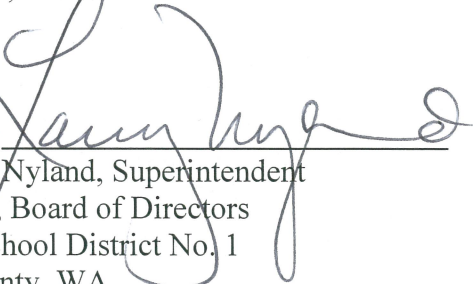
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