

**Seattle School District #1
Board Resolution**

Resolution No. 2018/19-4



A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1, King County, Seattle, Washington to declare support for Initiative Measure No. 1639. Initiative 1639 concerns firearms. This measure would require increased background checks, training, age limitations, and waiting periods for sales or delivery of semiautomatic assault rifles; criminalize noncompliant storage upon unauthorized use; allow fees; and enact other provisions.

WHEREAS, Seattle School Board Policy No. 0010, Instructional Philosophy, affirms that “It is the moral imperative of the School Board and the Superintendent to ensure that all students receive an education” that includes the commitment to “Schools that provide a safe, secure, and supportive environment” and to social-emotional learning; and

WHEREAS, gun violence presents a clear and present danger to the students, parents, educators, paraeducators, administrators, and support staff of the Seattle School District; and

WHEREAS, gun violence, and threats of gun violence, in schools undermine the sense of security that all students should have in their learning environments; and

WHEREAS, children of color are victims of homicide by firearms at a higher rate than white children in King County¹ and throughout the country,²

WHEREAS, sensible gun safety legislation will strengthen protections for our schools and students by preventing dangerous individuals from attaining firearms; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Board of Directors that Seattle and Washington State must be national leaders in innovative and meaningful policy to confront gun violence; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Seattle School District previously adopted Resolution No. 2017/18-17 supporting sensible gun safety legislation to protect students and staff, and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1639 is appearing on November 6, 2018 state-wide ballot and will increase public and school safety by implementing firearm safety measures, including requiring enhanced background checks, waiting periods, and increased age requirements for semiautomatic assault rifles and secure gun storage for all firearms.

¹ According to a November 25, 2013 report from Public Health – Seattle & King County, available at: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/violence-injury-prevention/violence-prevention/~media/depts/health/violence-injury-prevention/documents/impact-firearms-children-report.ashx>.

² According to an article published in the July 2017 issue of *Pediatrics*, available at: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/early/2017/06/15/peds.2016-3486.full.pdf>.

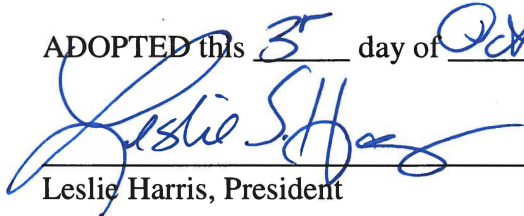
WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555(1) allows the Board of Directors to take action at a public meeting to express support for a ballot measure such as Initiative 1639.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section. 1. The Board of Directors provided public notice and afforded members of the Board of Directors and members of the public equal opportunity to express opposing views in accordance with RCW 42.17A.555(1).

Section. 2. The Seattle School Board of Directors hereby supports passage of Initiative Measure No. 1639.

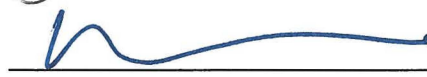
ADOPTED this 3rd day of October, 2018


Leslie Harris, President


Rick Burke, Vice-President

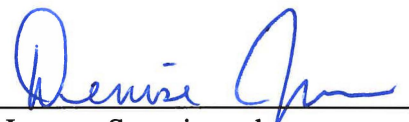

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ATTEST: 
Ms. Denise Juneau, Superintendent
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Seattle School District No. 1
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