

**To: School Districts of the 45<sup>th</sup> Legislative District**  
(Issaquah, Lake Washington, Northshore, Riverview, Snoqualmie Valley)

**Resolution in Support of Data-Driven, Respectful & Collaborative Decision-Making for Reopening Schools**

- WHEREAS we recognize the hardships many families experience due to the closure of our public schools and the demands of remote schooling; and
- WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has claimed over 500,000 lives in the US in the past year and has devastated the health of countless Americans; and
- WHEREAS vaccinations now exist to protect people from this deadly virus but we need time to produce and distribute it equitably to a critical mass of the population; and
- WHEREAS no worker should have to fear for their life or their health when going to work; and
- WHEREAS we appreciate the direct connection between education, child development, social/emotional development, social equity, and the long-term economic sustainability of our society;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 45<sup>th</sup> District Democrats supports the School Districts, all teachers' unions, and all school employees in negotiating for the professional and health needs of their members, our children, and our community in creating safe, science-based, reopening plans for our schools;
- THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge all those involved in decisions regarding reopening schools to listen, work together, and be guided by the best available medical science to protect human life, support our community's growth and development, and create equitable and just solutions to address the COVID19 pandemic.

Resolved on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

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Chair 45<sup>th</sup> LD

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