WOODLAND DISTRICT NO. 404
RESOLUTION 24-01 (Revised)
WSSDA PRIORITIZATION OF LOCAL CONTROL & NO UNFUNDED MANDATES

WHEREAS, in Washington State the Washington State School Director's Association (WSSDA) participates in strategic advocacy and lobbying at the state and federal level; and

WHEREAS, WSSDA represents all 1,477 locally elected school board members from 295 diverse school districts; and

WHEREAS, in Washington State every community and school district has unique needs, goals, and budgetary considerations; and

WHEREAS, the elected school board in each community understands the educational challenges facing students in their community and are in better position to formulate the best policies to further educational growth for the students and in partnership with that community.

WHEREAS one-size-fits-all policies applying to all 295 diverse school districts with mandates directing expenditures without revenue provided may pose hardship; and

WHEREAS, decisions and advocacy made by WSSDA impacts every school district; and

WHEREAS, article XI Section 2 of the WSSDA bylaws lacks language to prioritize two of the most important factors in protecting the unique needs of all 295 school districts in retaining local control and opposing unfunded mandates;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the Woodland School District does hereby move to add language to Article XI Section 2 to protect the unique needs of each individual school district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article XI section 2 conclude with the following language: "When determining WSSDA's stance relating to advocacy and lobbying, WSSDA shall oppose any policies that infringe on local control of curricula or programs and/or promote an unfunded mandate. After those determinations have been made the positions voted on at General Assembly will be applicable and/or utilized."

Adopted this 28th day of March 2024.

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