

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Education (“USDOE”) issued a letter dated April 3, 2025, titled *Reminder of Legal Obligations Undertaken in Exchange for Receiving Federal Financial Assistance and Request for Certification under Title VI and SFFA v. Harvard*” (the “Title VI Assurance”).

**WHEREAS**, through the Title VI Assurance, the USDOE conditioned Washington Elementary School District’s continued receipt of federal financial assistance on Washington Elementary School District’s certification of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board of Washington Elementary School District (the “Board”) previously acknowledged that compliance with the Title VI Assurance and the assurances referred to therein, as well as executing the Title VI Assurance, was a material condition for the continued receipt of federal financial assistance.

**WHEREAS**, based upon prudent and reasoned analysis of the legal authorities cited in the Title VI Assurance, the Board previously concluded that Washington Elementary School District complies with the statutes and authorities cited in the Title VI Assurance upon which continued federal financial assistance is conditioned.

**WHEREAS**, the Board previously directed Superintendent Paul Stanton to sign and execute the Title VI Assurance on behalf of Washington Elementary School District.

**WHEREAS**, as the result of litigation in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire, two federal judges have enjoined the Title VI Assurance.

**WHEREAS**, because of these court orders, the USDOE’s enforcement of compliance, including enforcement related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusions programs and initiatives, based on the Title VI Assurance is currently halted across the United States.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board believes the USDOE lacked the legal authority to demand and enforce the Title VI Assurance.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board asserts that it was not required to sign and submit the Title VI Assurance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington Elementary School District values Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board directs Superintendent Paul Stanton to submit a copy of this Resolution to Tom Horne, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the Washington Elementary School District,  
at a regular open meeting of the public, held on May 22, 2025.

**Attest:**

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**Board President Kyle Clayton**

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**Lindsey Peterson, Vice President**

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**Jenni Abbott-Bayardi, Board Member**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Adams", written over a horizontal line.

**Bill Adams, Board Member**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tamillia Gosa-Chapa", written over a horizontal line.

**Tamillia Gosa-Chapa, Board Member**