

RESOLUTION NO. -----

**Support of WIAA Amendment No. 21 (by Lynden School District),
Washington State Initiative IL 26-638 (Protecting Fairness in Girls Sports) and
Washington State Initiative IL 26-001 (Strengthening Communication Between Parents
and Schools)**

WHEREAS, public education is recognized as the paramount duty of the State of Washington, and the ----- School Board is committed to policies that protect fairness, safety, and the rights of students and families within the educational system.

WHEREAS, in Washington State, The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) is a voluntary, nonprofit 503(c)(3) service organization. Its authority given under RCW 28A.600.200 by designation of school district's board of directors to control, supervise and regulate the conduct of interschool athletic activities and other interschool extracurricular activities of an athletic, cultural, social or recreational nature for the students of the district, subject to certain conditions.

WHEREAS, per RCW 28A.600.200 Finding – Intent- 2012 c 155: The legislature finds that the mission of the WIAA is to assist member schools in operating student programs that foster achievement, respect, equity, enthusiasm, and excellence in a safe and organized environment. The legislature intends to ensure that this mission is successfully carried out so that arbitrary sanctions that result in students unfairly being denied participate or cause students' achievements to be diminished do not occur.

WHEREAS, Amendment no. 21 has been submitted to WIAA for amending its handbook policy called 18.16.0 Gender Identity Participation to maintain fair competition and participation where Girls' Category is limited to biological female students only and to replace Boys' category with an Open Division that allows for participation by all students.

WHEREAS, Washington State Initiative IL 26-638, titled "Protecting Fairness in Girls' Sports," seeks to protect fair competition and preserve opportunities for female athletes.

WHEREAS, Washington State Initiative IL 26-001, titled "Strengthening Communication Between Parents and Schools" seeks to enhance transparency and parental involvement by ensuring that parents have timely access to important educational records and decision making regarding their children.

WHEREAS, the ----- School Board values parental engagement as essential to student success and supports policies that strengthen communication and partnership between families and schools while preserving local authority and community trust.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the ----- School District No.----- hereby expresses its support for WIAA Amendment No. 21, Washington State Initiatives IL 26-638 and IL 26-001.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of ----- School District No. ----- in a meeting held on -----, 2025.

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