

Issaquah School District #411
Issaquah, Washington

Resolution 1021

A resolution regarding sequestration urging Congress and the Federal Administration to mitigate the across-the-board cuts to education that are scheduled to occur January 2, 2013.

WHEREAS, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today's schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts would impact school districts during the 2013-14 school year, with the exception of the Impact Aid program, with which a reduction would become effective this school year; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as sequestration, would impact education by a reduction in funds of 8.2 percent or more and could result in reduced educational program offerings which negatively impact student achievement; and

WHEREAS, sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and

WHEREAS, Issaquah School District would be impacted by an estimated \$500,000 annually, and other public schools would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, states and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as Issaquah School District has already lost \$16 million in state funding over the past three fiscal years, resulting in decreased educational program offerings;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Issaquah School District urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District No. 411, King County, Washington at an open public meeting held on December 12, 2012 with the following directors being present and voting:

Board President

Director

Director

Director

Director

Attest:

Steve Rasmussen, Secretary
Board of Directors