DATE: June 10, 2025

TO: General Membership, Loyal Heights Elementary PTA

FROM: Legislative & Advocacy Committee

RE: Resolution Affirming LHE is a Welcoming Place for All

The purpose of this resolution is to re-affirm our PTA commitment to being a welcoming community for all students, especially in light of the current federal policies on education, immigration, LGBTQ+ issues, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Loyal Heights Parent Teacher Association (LHE-PTA) represents a membership of approximately 500 parents and caregivers at Loyal Heights Elementary (LHE).

Whereas, the LHE-PTA is an active member of the Washington State Parent Teacher Association (WSPTA).

Whereas, new Executive Actions and Directives at the federal level are in conflict with the mission and values of the WSPTA and LHE-PTA.

Whereas, the <u>LHE-PTA's mission</u> is to: (1) provide and support inclusive programs to enrich the educational experiences of all LHE students; (2) collaborate with our school staff in fostering a learning environment, where students feel welcomed, comfortable, supported, and inspired every day; (3) encourage and promote family participation; and (4) advocate for the equitable and inclusive education of all children in our community.

Whereas, the LHE-PTA aligns with the <u>mission and values of the WSPTA</u>, which include "advocating for the well-being and education of all children."

Whereas, as a member of the WSPTA, the LHE-PTA supports previously approved resolutions aimed at advancing these core values.

Whereas, the LHE-PTA reaffirms WSPTA resolutions 2.19 (<u>LGBTQ+ Inclusion</u>), 2.26 (<u>Dismantling Institutional and Systemic Racism</u>), 18.25 (<u>Rights and Services for Undocumented Children and Youth</u>), 18.38 (<u>Equitable Education Opportunities to Close Gaps Across the Achievement Spectrum</u>), and 18.40 (<u>Equitable Access and Improved Outcomes for Students with Disabilities</u>), among others.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the LHE-PTA remains committed to welcoming all students regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, and citizenship status.

Resolved, that the LHE-PTA remains committed to engage, include, and welcome all families and caregivers to our community.

Resolved, that the LHE-PTA firmly believes that "Loyal Heights is A Place for All."