

SENATE RESOLUTION

8691

By Senators McCoy and Wellman

1       WHEREAS, There are more than three hundred local education  
2 agencies and more than two thousand schools throughout the State of  
3 Washington, all of which are working to provide high quality  
4 educational opportunities for the students they serve; and

5       WHEREAS, Each school and community is different, and some have  
6 had to overcome great obstacles; and

7       WHEREAS, Schools should be recognized not only for student  
8 achievement, but also for demonstrating growth and closing  
9 opportunity gaps; and

10       WHEREAS, State law directs the State Board of Education, the  
11 Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the  
12 Educational Opportunity Gap and Oversight and Accountability  
13 Committee to collaborate on school recognition; and

14       WHEREAS, In 2018, the United States Department of Education  
15 approved Washington State's state plan under the federal Every  
16 Student Succeeds Act; and

17       WHEREAS, The shift to the Every Student Succeeds Act  
18 accountability system presented an opportunity for Washington State  
19 to make its school recognition system more equitable; and

20       WHEREAS, The Washington school recognition program commits to  
21 upholding a recognition framework that showcases schools succeeding  
22 in serving all students equitably; and

1       WHEREAS, Each year, schools are to be identified and  
2 recognized for their exemplary performance based on multiple  
3 outcomes and indicators that are fair, consistent, transparent,  
4 and easily understood by schools and communities; and

5       WHEREAS, The Washington school recognition program uses  
6 state and local data to identify schools that have made gains in  
7 targeted areas and are on a path toward overall improvements in  
8 achievement, growth, and closing opportunity gaps; and

9       WHEREAS, In Spring 2020, over three hundred fifty schools  
10 across the state will be recognized and celebrated for closing  
11 gaps, showing growth, and demonstrating achievement the previous  
12 school year;

13       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
14 Senate honor state-recognized schools and the extraordinary  
15 commitment of Washington State's K-12 schools to our students'  
16 futures.

17 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
18 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
19 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8691,  
20 adopted by the Senate  
21 February 24, 2020

22 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
23 Secretary of the Senate