



**Agenda for Special Webinar Board Meeting
Friday, February 16, 2024 – 4 pm
Webinar Link: <https://mead354-org.zoom.us/j/82174000460>
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- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Action)**
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RESOLUTION 24-01
Opposition to ESB 5462 and HB 2331

We the Mead School District Board of Directors oppose ESB 5462 and HB 2331 for the following reasons:

WHEREAS, Washington is considered a “local control” state (RCW 28A.150.230); and

WHEREAS, the concept of local control is grounded in a philosophy of government premised on the belief that the individuals and institutions closest to students and most knowledgeable about a school district - and most invested in the welfare and success of its educators, students, and communities - are best suited to making important decisions related to its operation, leadership, staffing, teaching, curriculum, and improvement; and

WHEREAS, each school district is governed by a locally-elected school board whose members serve staggered four-year terms. School boards are afforded broad discretionary power to determine and adopt policies not in conflict with other laws that provide for the development and implementation of instructional programs, activities, services, or practices and to promote effective management and operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the Mead School District Board of Directors has adopted Board Policy & Procedure 2020 related to course design and selection and adoption of instructional materials; and

WHEREAS, the Mead School District Board of Directors has adopted Board Policy & Procedure 2021 related to the provision and administration of a library information and technology program, to include materials selection, collection assessment, and requests for reconsideration of library media materials.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Mead School District Board of Directors opposes ESB 5462, as it subverts local school boards elected to consult and adhere to adopted policy and procedure, and in so doing, seek public comment from local voters, engage in community dialogue, and make decisions about instructional materials that reflect a commitment to the work of the professionals in their system and the voice of people in their community; and be it

The Mead School District Board of Directors opposes HB 2331, as it represents an additional encroachment on the authority granted to school boards, further eroding the ability of communities to guide the decisions of the school boards they elect. This approach to governance elevates state influence in local policy decisions over local governance structures codified in statute, violating the purpose and diminishing the importance of elected school boards; and

In equipping future-ready students, the Mead School District will seek to foster belonging, instill purpose, and cultivate curiosity in ALL the students it serves. The

Mead School District Board of Directors values and recognizes the importance of providing a rich and diverse instructional program, honoring and attending to the varied needs, abilities, interests, backgrounds, and maturity levels of students as we prepare them for success.

Adopted this 16th day of February 2024.

Attest:

**Mead School District No. 354
Board of Directors**

Secretary to the Board

