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Resolution No. 07-08-09

WHEREAS, Article IX Section I of the Washington State Constitution dictates that the **paramount duty** of the State is to make **ample** provision for the education of all children residing within its borders; and,

WHEREAS, in a 1978 court case, Seattle School District No. 1 v The State of Washington, the Court indicated the Legislature must sufficiently and amply fund a basic program of education using a regular and dependable source of revenue; and,

WHEREAS, in Seattle School District No. 1 v The State of Washington, the Court further indicated the paramount duty is superior in rank and above all others; and that neither fiscal crisis nor financial burden changes the supreme constitutional duty of the Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, Central Kitsap School District provides local funds in order to fund transportation, special education, technology, and unfunded State and federal mandates; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Governor's budget reductions in conjunction with the present District projected budget leaves Central Kitsap School District facing no less than a \$3.25 million shortfall for the 2009-10 school year; and,

WHEREAS, Central Kitsap School District employs additional teachers and staff beyond the State allotment to ensure smaller class sizes and enhance student learning and interventions; and,

WHEREAS, funding for smaller class sizes comes from several sources including I-728 funds, local effort assistance, local tax revenue, and Impact Aid; and,

WHEREAS, Central Kitsap School District has made significant reductions to maintain a balanced budget including reductions in administrative support, closing two elementary schools, implementing fees for participation in athletics, technology, operating budgets; and,

WHEREAS, the existing funding levels provided by the State do not support current expectations for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century education; and,

WHEREAS, further reductions in State funding will erode the ability of the Central Kitsap School District to provide adequate student interventions and all other necessary support to meet state graduation requirements, state determined assessment targets, and federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP),

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Central Kitsap Board of Directors request that the Legislature fully fund K-12 education as the paramount duty of the State required by the Constitution Article IX, Section 1.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Central Kitsap School District No. 401, Kitsap County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof held February 11, 2009.

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ATTEST:

