



THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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POSITION STATEMENT OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

At its September 2015 meeting, the State Board of Education discussed the *League of Women Voters vs. Washington State* Supreme Court decision and its impact on currently operating charter schools in Washington State. It has taken the following position relative to the case.

- Absent affirmative steps by the Washington State Supreme Court or State Legislature, approximately 1,200 public charter school students and their families will have their school year disrupted in significant and unpredictable ways across the state in approximately 2½ weeks. At this point, charter school students have been attending classes anywhere from a couple of days to a few weeks.
- Accordingly, it is incumbent upon the Legislature, the Court, or both, as necessary, to work on a solution that ensures uninterrupted high-quality basic education instruction for the remainder of this school year. Charter school students and their families should be shielded from the adverse effects of the timing of this decision. The continuity and quality of the student experience should take precedence over all other considerations.