

RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING PARENTAL RIGHTS OVER RAISING OF CHILDREN

Whereas, Parents have a fundamental responsibility and right to provide for, and direct, their children's care, education, and upbringing, and

Whereas, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) has been considerably weakened so that it no longer affords adequate protection of children's information, and

Whereas, Various state and local jurisdictions are proposing plans to care for ALL children from prenatal to age 25 years sometimes known as P25 or P20 system, and

Whereas, Many of the P25 implementation plans require data collection, tracking of progress, and gathering of information to measure family outcomes, and

Whereas, State and local governments have plans to expand Home Visitation programs into the homes of families of newborns and children under the age of five to assess the behavior of families and collect data, and

Whereas, Much of the data collected will be entered into a P-20W Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System created by Federal dollars that will follow the child from prenatal to retirement, and

Whereas, Families, parents and children will have none to limited access to the data in their computer records, and

Whereas, Many research based Home Visiting programs utilize psychological surveys and subjective questionnaires to collect data for the purpose of measuring and evaluating the family, now therefore, it is

Resolved, That no government should be granted jurisdiction or responsibilities to oversee children against parental wishes unless granted under a court order and the parent has the right to refuse access into home, questionnaires, and survey without consequences, and

Resolved, That the Washington State Legislature enact legislation that allows parents to voluntarily agree to permanent electronic data retention systems, the collection of nonacademic and personal data on their children, mandatory use of technology such as iPads that enter data on the family, or to opt out of nonacademic surveys, and personal data on their children, mandatory use of technology such as iPads that enter data on the family and programs that collect data on emotions, behaviors, thoughts, and beliefs; and

Resolved, That the Washington State Legislature enact legislation to allow parents full access to the records of their child and have the ability to correct information; all users of the data must be fully disclosed to the parents as well as the purpose for the collection of the data.

Passed this 26th day of March, 2019

Pierce County Republican Party Chair: Dave McMullan