

**RESOLUTION No. 01-24**  
**Opposition to ESB 5462 and ESHB 2331**

**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 Prosser School District Board of Directors has adopted Board Policy & Procedure 2020 pertaining to the selection and adoption of instructional materials, as well as the development and implementation of curriculum and curriculum adoption;

**WHEREAS**, the Prosser School District Board of Directors has adopted Board Policy & Procedure 2020 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Prosser 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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Prosser School District Board of Directors opposes ESHB 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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in equipping future-ready students, the Prosser School District will seek to foster belonging, instill purpose, and cultivate curiosity in ALL the students it serves. The Prosser School District Board of Directors values and recognizes the importance of providing a rich and diverse instructional program, honoring, and attending to students' varied needs, abilities, interests, backgrounds, and maturity levels as we prepare them for success.

Adopted and approved this 28th day of February 2024.

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Secretary, Board of Directors

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President, Board of Directors

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Vice President, Board of Directors

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