

In Support of the Teachers' Union in Negotiations With the Bellevue School District for School Reopening

WHEREAS the Democratic party has always supported worker and unions; and

WHEREAS The Covid-19 pandemic has claimed over 440,000 lives in the US in the past year passing the highest peak of infections 3 weeks prior; and

WHEREAS that infection rate is still twice the July/August peak and the more infectious UK variant has been found in King county; and

WHEREAS new cases are still near their peak, and over 2400 a day, vaccine rollout has just started with combined recovered/vaccinated are less than 10% of the population; and

WHEREAS teachers and staff are currently unprotected as are parents and students; and

WHEREAS a short delay of even 60 days will substantially increase both the numbers vaccinated and necessary preparations for safe education; and

WHEREAS we understand the difficulties with remote learning and the disruption caused by Covid-19; and

WHEREAS we believe that all players in this disagreement are attempting to work to the best resolution for the safety and support of all involved;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 48th LD Democrats supports the Bellevue Education Association in negotiating a safe reopening of public schools; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge all sides to listen to each other, to work together and be guided both by the best available medical science available and the best interests of all.

Approved by the LD48 Democrats Executive Board, January 31, 2021