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Superintendent Larry Nyland School Board President Betty Patu Seattle Public Schools 2445 3rd Ave South Seattle, WA 98134

Dear Superintendent Nyland and President Patu,

I ask you to support the Civics for All Initiative.

As a veteran high school social studies teacher, I can testify to the importance of civics education. Civics education engages youth and encourages them to become well-informed citizens. In my opinion, this excitement should be valued and nurtured.

The Civics for All Initiative will undoubtedly nurture such excitement via the annual mock elections and it will encourage all of our kids to become more active and engaged citizens which is essential to the improvement our communities. As a Civics for All board member I am hopeful that this proposal will help educate youth on governmental practices and provide them with a sense of honor and civic duty.

The Civics for All Initiative is a great idea and closely mirrors the spirit of my Youth and Voter Pre-Registration bills in the legislature. I hope that you will closely consider implementing Civics for All throughout the district.

Sincerely,

Steve Bergquist State Representative 11th Legislative District

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