

Resolution In Support of Keeping Yakima Valley School Open

WHEREAS Yakima Valley School (YVS) is a state residential habilitation center (RHC) that provides nursing home services to developmentally disabled citizens; and

WHEREAS YVS has not been cited after an audit for five years, and is listed by Medicare as an outstanding provider of nursing home services; and

WHEREAS YVS also successfully provides services to the community, including respite and dental; and

WHEREAS YVS provides a vital source of employment for the local area, and family wage jobs, during times of economic difficulties, should be preserved; and

WHEREAS closure of YVS would inflict serious economic harm to the local area; and

WHEREAS the previous closure of a state RHC nursing home, Interlake, failed to provide substantial savings of state dollars;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Disabilities Issues Caucus (WSDIC) actively opposes the gubernatorial proposal to close the Yakima Valley School; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the WSDIC will actively urge its members to contact their state legislators to express support for Yakima Valley School, and to express opposition to closing Yakima Valley School.

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