

CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 222  
Cashmere, Washington 98815  
Resolution #2023-6

MINIMUM 180-DAY SCHOOL YEAR WAIVER

**WHEREAS**, the Cashmere School District Board of Directors has established goals for making changes that will significantly increase student learning and individual achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, the school district's goals include improving the parent-teacher conference process by incorporating student-led conferences as a strategy to help students evaluate and reflect on their own skills, interests, and accomplishments; and to involve families in students' decisions and plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the school district believes that full-day parent-teacher-student conferences are less disruptive to student learning than half-day school days, and the waiver will result in five fewer calendar half-days; and

**WHEREAS**, the waiver supports the district improvement plan; and

**WHEREAS**, administrators and staff together developed the school year calendar that necessitates the request for the waiver; and

**WHEREAS**, the district assures it will continue to meet the annual average 1,000 hours of instructional hour offerings as required by RCW 28A.150.220; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Board of Education, while respecting the value of teacher and student contact time, has recognized the importance of allowing school districts the opportunity to be innovative in enhancing the educational program for all students, and therefore, may grant waivers to districts for this purpose, now

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Board of Directors of the Cashmere School District requests that the minimum 180-day school year requirement, as established in RCW 28A 150.220, be waived by the Washington State Board of Education, per RCW 28A.305.140, for the Cashmere School District to allow for two non-student days for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. During this time, students will not attend class, but will instead attend parent-teacher conferences.

**RESOLVED THIS** 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, as witnessed by our signatures.

ATTEST: BOARD OR DIRECTORS

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Ted Snodgrass, Board Chairperson

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Nicholas Wood, Vice-Chairperson

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Aaron Bessonette, Board Member

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Paul Nelson, Board Member

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Roger Perleberg, Board Member

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Glenn Johnson, Supt/Board Secretary