

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RENAMING OF HIGH POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

for consideration by the 34th District Democrats
District Meeting of March 12, 2008

WHEREAS, High Point Elementary School is the historical name of the school most closely associated with the High Point Housing Project;

WHEREAS, many in the community have gone to High Point Elementary School in the past and have, therefore, a personal connection to the school;

WHEREAS, the closing of Fairmount Park Elementary School resulted in the merging of the two elementary schools into a single facility at High Point;

WHEREAS, the renaming of High Point Elementary School appears to have been accomplished without adequate notice or input from the surrounding community;

WHEREAS, renaming High Point Elementary School as West Seattle Elementary School creates substantial confusion because there is already a West Seattle High School;

WHEREAS, there are no other duplicate names among the schools in the Seattle School District;

WHEREAS, the historical method of naming schools and community centers located in close proximity is to use the same name, e.g., High Point Elementary School and High Point Community Center or Montlake Elementary School and Montlake Community Center;

WHEREAS, there is no desire to disenfranchise students, parents, teachers, or the community from either school;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 34th District Democratic Organization urges the Seattle

School District to initiate discussions with the community to establish a mutually acceptable renaming, if necessary, of High Point Elementary School including at a minimum notice to residents, teachers, parents, and students of High Point and Fairmount Park Elementary schools (aka, West Seattle Elementary School).