

5. Resolution No. 1198—Opposing the Closure of the King County Public Health Clinic in Auburn

Recommendation: That Resolution 1198 be adopted.

AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 1198

OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OF THE KING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC IN AUBURN

**WHEREAS**, the Auburn School District is one of the largest districts in the State of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auburn School District has 22 schools, encompasses a 62-mile area bridging King and Pierce counties, and serves approximately 15,000 students and 70,500 residents in Auburn, Algona, Pacific, Lake Tapps and unincorporated areas of King County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auburn School District and the community share a strong concern for the disadvantaged members of the community, particularly families with children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auburn clinic closure will eliminate necessary services for thousands of low-income clients, primarily women, that are critical to reducing poverty, supporting maternal and infant health, and providing family nutrition; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that the better nutrition a child has in those very early years lead to better academic success,

**WHEREAS**, clients of the Auburn clinic are overwhelmingly low income and people of color, with 97% of clients having incomes 200% below the national income level, and 61% being people of color, while 51% do not have medical insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, South King County will be without disease prevention programs that track and respond to outbreaks of public health threats like tuberculosis, whooping cough and measles.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn School District No. 408 Board of Directors opposes the proposal to close the Auburn public health clinic, which would leave the southernmost part of King County without a public health clinic. The Board of Directors firmly believes that any cuts should reflect a commitment to equity across the county's service area and reflect the locations of populations of need.

ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 2014.

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Secretary, Board of Directors