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Washington Association of School Administrators Reacts to Supreme Court Contempt Ruling

OLYMPIA—The Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) issued the following statement today in the wake of Thursday’s decision by the Washington state Supreme Court sanctioning lawmakers for failing to provide a sufficient school funding plan:

“We are pleased that Washington’s highest court followed through with the contempt of court sanctions it said would occur if the Legislature didn’t adopt a school funding plan. The Court, on multiple occasions, has ordered that such a plan be produced and it gave the Legislature one more opportunity to do so during the 2015 legislative session. Even with the longest session in history, no plan was adopted,” said Dr. Bill Keim, Executive Director of the Washington Association of School Administrators.

“WASA members in big and small districts across the state are hopeful this latest decision will lead to a more defined school funding plan. We continue to emphasize the need to address the wide discrepancies in school compensation and the reliance on levies, and it’s gratifying to hear the court echo those concerns. It is time to resolve this issue and move forward,” added Keim.

“We are hopeful that this action will help spur the Legislature to make the structural changes and provide the additional revenue that is required for a constitutionally compliant public education system.”

About the Washington Association of School Administrators

The Washington Association of School Administrators (<http://www.wasa-oly.org>) is committed to the development of quality education through professional leadership. Members benefit from a supportive community of professional leaders working to provide insightful and valuable training, support, and resources to education leaders, and to sustain a positive impact on

legislative and community leaders. With more than 1,575 members, membership is open to all education administrators in central office, building management, and educational agency positions. A not-for-profit organization, WASA is funded by membership dues and association events.

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