

PUBLIC TESTIMONY – Del Dykstra

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Hi Nancy,

I wanted to respond to the new Washington State Health regulations and the meeting on September 10, 2008. After reviewing the information we (private schools) are concerned about the costs incurred for private schools, and the assumption by the department of health that tuition increases will meet financial needs. We intend, as a Christian school, that all costs will be handled in a wise way. However, it is not feasible for our school to raise tuition to meet these needs. After carefully researching the giving of our community, we feel it is not possible to raise tuition any more for these additional expenses. Many of our families are making huge sacrifices for their children to attend SCS for a Christian education. We want to keep it as affordable as possible, but with the economy as it is today, this is a difficult task. Raising tuition for the parents to absorb these costs is not a viable option for us. We are asking that the Department of Health look at options to assist the private schools rather than increasing tuition.

Thank-you

If you have any questions please call or e-mail anytime.

Sincerely,

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