RESOLUTION NO. 3483

A RESOLUTION

of the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle expressing the Port of Seattle Commission's support for the Highline School District's Capital Facilities Improvement ballot measure.

WHEREAS, as a community we have an obligation to provide for the education of our young people; and

WHEREAS, effective learning requires facilities that are modern, safe and offer up-todate technology; and

WHEREAS, 26 of 31 of the Highline School District's schools were built in the 1950s or before; and

WHEREAS, the learning environment for teachers and students in several Highline School District's schools is affected by noise from Seattle-Tacoma Airport aircraft operations; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle, the Highline School District, the Federal Aviation Administration and Washington State have formed a partnership to provide \$200 million over 10 years for noise insulation improvements at the 15 schools most affected by aircraft noise; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this agreement is contingent on approval by Highline School District voters of the district's proposed \$189.5 million Capital Facilities Improvement Bond; and

WHEREAS, this bond issue will, if approved, also fund many additional improvements throughout the district to provide teachers and students with safe and modern facilities and technology they need to succeed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle that:

Section 1. The Port of Seattle Commission supports the Highline School District's efforts to upgrade its facilities to create an improved learning environment, and

Section 2. Endorses the District's Capital Facilities Bond levy on the March 12, 2002 ballot and reaffirms its commitment to the agreement with Washington State, the Federal Aviation Administration and the District to provide \$50 million each over 10 years for noise mitigation or ventilation for the Highline Schools as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 25, 2001, provided that voters approve the bond issue.

ADOPTED by the Port Commission of the Port of Seattle at a regular meeting held this	
22nd day of January	, 2002, and duly authenticated in open session by
the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the seal of the Commission.	

Port Commission

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