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Corr calls for district to table schools closure plan
Calls on fellow council candidates to join him

Seattle—Casey Corr, candidate for the Seattle City Council, called on the Seattle School District to table a proposed plan to close schools and urged his fellow candidates to join him in this action.

"The new proposal is a step backwards for the children of Seattle," said Corr. "It closes schools, ends or disrupts valued programs, and makes other changes without closing the district's budget gap. There is no question that the district must reduce costs, but it should do so in the context of an academic plan that guides decisions. To cut now in the absence of that plan is to put the cart before the horse."

Corr urged all of the candidates running for the city council to join him in this action.

Corr said a recent Seattle Times editorial got it right by saying the district must show how the proposed cuts and disruptions pave the way for real progress in struggling schools. "There may be hard choices ahead as we cope with the funding shortfall, but parents must see a commitment to progress in improving our schools. We must see gain with the pain. The district's proposal, so far, is all pain and no gain," said Corr.

Corr has made education one of the priorities of his campaign. He was a leader in developing and promoting the 2004 and Education Levy, which doubled funding for children and families. The levy put a focus on closing the achievement gap and promoting accountability. As a candidate, he has pledged to work aggressively to use city resources to help end the crisis in our schools.

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