

Press Release

Larry Ishmael announces his candidacy for the 1st Congressional District

School Board Member Enters Race for Congress

July 1, 2006: Issaquah School Board member Larry Ishmael announced his candidacy for the United States Congress.

Ishmael said, "I have been listening to people complain about Congress, and decided it was time to make a real difference. The First District needs better leadership; Congress needs better leadership."

"Larry Ishmael is a great candidate," said Washington State Republican Party Chairwoman Diane Tebelius. "Larry Ishmael is an excellent fit for the 1st Congressional District and we are very pleased to have him running as the Republican candidate. The 1st District is a real 'swing district,' and Jay Inslee is going to have a tough race on his hands."

Larry Ishmael's long time friend Dino Rossi said about Larry, "Larry's depth of knowledge and expertise in education and international policy will immediately place him as a leader in Congress."

Ishmael's Issaquah School Board colleague Mike Winkler described Larry as, "the education expert that Congress needs." Winkler went on to say, "As a member of the Federal Relations Network of the Washington State School Directors' Association, Larry's knowledge of education issues at a federal level is unparalleled. In today's global economy education is a more important issue than ever before, and, frankly, Congress's weak understanding of education shocks me. We need Larry Ishmael in Congress."

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Larry has been married to his wife, a high school teacher, for over 30 years; they have 3 sons. Their oldest son is married and lives in Kirkland, their middle son and his wife are currently serving in the Peace Corps in the Kyrgyz Republic, and their youngest just completed his first year at Whitman College in Walla Walla.

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