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## Seattle Education Leaders Raise Voices for Sundquist Candidate for Seattle School Board, District 6

### Absentee Ballots in Mail Today

Wednesday, October 17, 2007 -- As absentee ballots are due to be mailed to voters today, Seattle public education leaders raised their voices Wednesday in support of Steve Sundquist, candidate for Seattle School Board, District 6. Sundquist released a long and growing list of education leaders including State Legislators, former School Board Directors, educators, City Council members, and well-known advocates from the Seattle education community.

"Steve is uniquely qualified," said Lisa Macfarlane, President, League of Education Voters\*. "We need him on the School Board now. He understands that the Board's role is to listen to the community, restore long-term fiscal management and accountability, and set policy that makes a positive impact system-wide. He is deeply committed to equity, raising standards, closing the achievement gap, and making sure all students get the quality education they deserve."

Sundquist is the father of two daughters who attend Chief Sealth HS and has been actively involved in Seattle schools. He currently serves as a Board Member and leader of four organizations focused on the environment, education, youth, and his church, and chairs two of them. Sundquist has more than 20 years of finance and high-level management experience with Russell Investment Group, leading large systems and operations, overseeing multi-million dollar budgets and managing hundreds of staff.

"I'm honored to have earned support from those with a long track-record of advocating for quality education in Seattle," said Sundquist. "These leaders share my commitment to equity, higher standards, raising academic achievement, and strong fiscal management and accountability in Seattle schools."

"Steve knows how neighborhood schools work," added Betty Hoagland, Former President of Seattle PTSA\* and long-time school levy and bond backer. "He endorsed and supported our recent levy and bond measures that fund nearly a quarter of the District's operating budget and are rebuilding our aging schools. Steve also helped bring the International Baccalaureate program to Chief Sealth HS, offering students a rigorous academic curriculum at one the city's most diverse high schools. He worked for more than two years with parents, teachers and the community to make it possible."

"Steve is a leader who sets priorities, works well with a team, and achieves results," said Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis, Former VP and Education Chair, League of Women Voters of Seattle\*. "I watched him build a partnership with our local church and the Fauntleroy YMCA for a long-term co-location agreement that will serve our youth and community for years. He's a consensus-builder on difficult issues and we need his leadership on the Board now."

Sundquist has lived in West Seattle for 17 years with his wife Liann and their two daughters. He attended Seattle and Renton public schools. Sundquist received a B.S. in Computer Science from WSU and his M.B.A. in Information Systems and Finance from the University of Chicago.

Seattle School Board candidates are listed at the bottom of the ballot – on the backside. See partial list of endorsers below.

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\* For identification purposes only.

Sundquist Endorsements (partial list, 10/17/07) include:

### **Education and Community Leaders**

Lisa Macfarlane, President, League of Education Voters \*  
James Kelly, Seattle Education & Civil Rights Leader  
Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis, Former VP & Education Chair, League of Women Voters of Seattle \*  
Betty Hoagland, Former President, Seattle Council PTSA \*  
Jule Sugarman, Founding Father, Nationwide Headstart Program, West Seattle  
Bob Watt, Governor's Education Task Force, Washington Learns\*

Speaker of the House Frank Chopp (D-43)  
Former State Senator Erik Poulsen (D-34)  
State Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles (D-36)  
State Representative Helen Sommers (D-36)  
State Representative Jamie Pedersen (D-43)

Jonathan Bridge, Seattle Education Leader  
Lisa Moore, Executive Director, Successful Schools in Action \*  
John Warner, Co-Chair, District Community Advisory Committee on Investing in Educational Excellence \*  
Fred Kiga, Member, District Community Advisory Committee on Investing in Educational Excellence \*  
Robin Pasquarella, Former CEO, Alliance for Education \*  
Shan Mullin, Seattle Education Leader

Former School Board Director Don Nielsen  
Former School Board Director Barbara Peterson  
Former School Board Director Barbara Schaad-Lamphere  
Seattle City Councilman Peter Steinbrueck  
Seattle City Councilman Richard Conlin  
Seattle City Councilwoman Jan Drago

Judson Miller, Mathematics Dept. Chair, Roosevelt HS \*  
Janet Osborn, Teacher, Pathfinder Elementary \*  
Marco Behar, Teacher, Pathfinder Elementary \*  
Nora Scully, Teacher, AE#2 at Decatur\*

Kevin Whitworth, Co-Chair, John Hay Elementary Partners \*  
Cathy Wilson, Former Co-Chair and Board Member, John Hay Elementary Partners Board \*  
Cheryl Ellsworth and Walter Sive, Education & Community Leaders  
Ruth and Benjamin Woo, Community Leaders  
Molly Seaverns, Education & Community Leader

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### **Organizational & News Endorsements**

34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats  
43<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats  
46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats  
Alki Foundation – Recommendation  
Municipal League of King County – Very Good  
Women in Unity, African-American Women's Advocacy Non-profit – Very Good  
Seattle Metropolitan Elections Committee (SEAMEC) – Meets Expectations  
The Seattle Times, Primary Endorsement, 8/5/07  
The Stranger, Primary Endorsement, 8/1/07  
The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Primary Endorsement, 7/29/07

For a complete list of endorsers, please visit

[www.sundquist4schools.com](http://www.sundquist4schools.com)