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Dear Nelson:

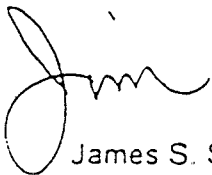
First, I wish to thank you for your cooperation and support as WEA has struggled through the procedural process of seeking financial support from NEA to assist in our effort to defeat the voucher and charter school initiatives we are facing in November. Your efforts are appreciated.

President Purdom and I have reviewed the most recent strategy employed by NEA in responding to WEA's request, and have concluded there is no purpose in making a formal request to the NEA Executive Committee at this time. We accept the \$150,000 previously allocated by NEA GR, we will participate in a later joint assessment of the initiative crisis in Washington and will determine, at that time, the level of our request for additional support from NEA. We see no benefit in having the Executive Committee consider a request for additional financial assistance based on an NEA assessment that NEA now contends was made too early to provide reliable information.

We believe WEA has cooperated fully with the NEA procedures for requesting financial assistance for both our campaign to defeat Washington's voucher and charter school initiatives and our joint participation with NEA in a coordinated campaign for the many state and national races at stake in November. Unfortunately, we believe we have received mixed signals from NEA in this process. Attached is a chronology of events which is instructive in understanding our confusion.

Thank you again for your help and support. Let us know when NEA is prepared to conduct an assessment of the political climate in Washington.

Very truly yours,



James S. Seibert
Executive Director

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