

SENATE RESOLUTION
8625

By Senators Becker, Dammeier, and Conway

1 WHEREAS, Tom Seigel, a 25-year veteran of the United States Navy,
2 became superintendent of the Bethel School District in 2001 after
3 serving in a similar capacity in Colorado; and

4 WHEREAS, During Superintendent Seigel's tenure, the academic
5 achievements of Bethel students have improved in every category; and

6 WHEREAS, Superintendent Seigel is the driving force behind the
7 very successful Pierce County Skill Center; and

8 WHEREAS, As a testament to Superintendent Seigel's vision for
9 education, his belief in building bridges and partnerships within the
10 Bethel community, and his tenacious efforts to gain support from
11 other agencies, the Bethel district has seen the passage of
12 construction bonds and other legislative measures needed to modernize
13 or replace half of the facilities in his purview; and

14 WHEREAS, Superintendent Seigel encourages innovation and
15 efficiency within the Bethel district, leading it to become one of
16 first school districts in Washington to use propane-fueled buses; and

17 WHEREAS, Superintendent Seigel's strong belief in putting kids
18 first has made the Bethel School District one of the few districts in
19 the nation to provide shelter to homeless youth; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to being an effective school administrator,
21 Superintendent Seigel can be found routinely accompanying his wife on
22 evenings and weekends delivering bread to those in need, including
23 deliveries on Christmas Eve and on the weekend of his birthday; and

1 WHEREAS, Superintendent Seigel also fills an essential and
2 important role in his community by acting as the *de facto* 'mayor' of
3 unincorporated, south Pierce County, serving in numerous civic
4 organizations and as an accomplished, longtime spokesperson,
5 advocate, and representative for that area's 100,000 plus residents;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state Senate
7 recognize Bethel School District Superintendent Tom Seigel for his
8 dedication to fostering a healthy educational environment and
9 inspiring colleagues, peers, and neighbors to serve their community;
10 and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
12 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to
13 Superintendent Tom Seigel in recognition and appreciation of the work
14 he has done to improve the lives of children.

--- END ---