

School Site Council  
Willows Intermediate School  
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Willows Unified School District Board of Education  
823 West Laurel Street  
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Willows Unified School District Board of Education:

We, the following undersigned members of the School Site Council for Willows Intermediate School (WIS), would like to request consideration by the Willows Unified School District (WUSD) Board of Education to rescind the current policy of assessing an Indirect Fee on Associated Student Body (ASB) accounts.

The policy of Indirect Fee assessment on ASB funds was first implemented several years ago when the WUSD was in financial distress and alternative funding sources were identified. The rate of this assessment is 3%, which is applied to all monies generated by the ASB. This includes all monies resulting from student fundraising activities, such as selling magazines, cookie dough, candy, popcorn, e-waste recycling, etcetera. Last year \$1740.00 in Indirect Fees was taken from the WIS ASB by the WUSD (as per the WIS ASB balance sheet dated 9/2/15).

The WIS ASB applies their student and community-generated funds towards a wide variety of items that promote a higher quality experience for the students of WIS than could otherwise be achieved with WUSD funds alone. Some examples of WIS ASB contributions this year include (as per WIS ASB 2015/16 minutes and agendas):

- \$1000 towards graduation gowns
- Up to but not more than \$1,000 for physical fitness t-shirts
- Up to but not more than \$200 for footballs and soccer balls for LEAP
- Up to but not more than \$200 for 6th grade outdoor equipment
- \$1,350 for two buses and two vans for the 8th grade class trip to Butte College
- \$500 towards the band trip to Chico State annual band competition

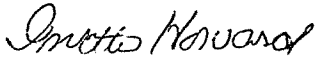
While \$1740.00 is an extremely unremarkable contribution towards the general WUSD budget, it is an amount that would make a notable positive impact on the student experience at WIS, as the above-listed ASB-funded projects illustrate.

As the financial climate has changed over the last few years, WUSD has found itself with a budget surplus more than double what is required by the state. The circumstances that precipitated the ASB Indirect Fee policy have changed significantly, and it is clear that the miniscule contribution that the 3% Indirect Fee makes to the WUSD would serve a much larger positive impact as ASB funds to be spent directly on student projects and programs.

We ask the Board to please consider rescinding the policy of Indirect Fee assessment on ASB funds. We thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Inette Howard



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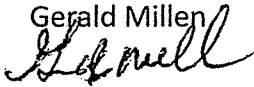
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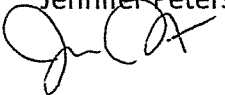
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