

SENATE RESOLUTION
8625

By Senators Becker, Dammeier, Conway, Darneille, O'Ban, and Fraser

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

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state Senate
30 recognize Bethel School District Superintendent Tom Seigel for his
31 dedication to fostering a healthy educational environment and
32 inspiring colleagues, peers, and neighbors to serve their community;
33 and

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

5 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
6 do hereby certify that this is a true and
7 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8625,
8 adopted by the Senate
9 March 3, 2015

10 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
11 Secretary of the Senate