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"Reform" School:

BAD NEWS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, SB 5748 PASSES SENATE

With the help of 7 Senate Democrats, (R) Senator Steve Litzow's SB 5748 linking test scores to teacher evaluations finally passed the Washington State Senate with 26 Yeas and 23 Nays.

The seven Democratic senators voting for SB 5748 were Annette Cleveland, Vancouver; Mark Mullet, Issaquah; Jamie Pedersen, Seattle; David Frockt, Seattle; Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Seattle; Steve Hobbs, Lake Stevens; and Cyrus Habib, Bellevue.

Surprisingly seven Republican senators voted against the SB: Brian Dangel, Jan Angel, Sharon Brown, Pam Roach, Mike Padden and Kirk Pearson.

President Obama and his education secretary Arne Duncan are staunch supporters of Bill Gates's Common Core program which through No Child Left Behind and Race to the Top legislation enables Free Market Privatizers to use these tests to close public schools, fire their teachers, seize public school facilities and use them for their own for-profit charters. School Superintendents and school boards would be abolished and replaced with Mayors and boards appointed by the mayors who are controlled by Bill Gates. There would be no public input while their tax money is used to operate their system, taxation without representation. Common School funding provided by Article IX, Section 2 of the WA State Constitution would be placed under private control to spend as they please with vouchers.

Teaching would no longer be a profession, and their unions would be dissolved. No due process in firing teachers. They would be totally at the mercy of the corporate dictatorship.

Students would be "educated" as Human Resources trained to the needs of the corporations which use data gathering and computer-generated life plans to supply their work force. The weakened Public Schools would be for those who do not have the aptitudes to fulfill corporate requirements. No more the Public School that seeks to treat students as Human Beings, helping them to discover for themselves how they will live their lives.

HB 5748 is a first step into the Brave New World of the Corporate State.

The cities where our foundation has put the most money in is where there's a single person responsible. In New York, Chicago and Washington, DC, the mayor has responsibility for the school system. So instead of having a committee of people, you have that one person. And that's where we've seen the willingness to take on some of the older practices and try new things, and we've seen very good results in all three of those cities.

--Bill Gates

