

## **Saluting Jeff Lew for his generosity towards school children**

WHEREAS, 76% of America's school districts have children with lunch debt according to the School Nutrition Association; and

WHEREAS, Spokane Public School District is recognized as the second-largest district in the state of Washington and works hard to minimize lunch debt, with a current balance of \$1667 owed by students across the city; and

WHEREAS, **Jeff Lew** is a native of the Pacific Northwest who helped the Seattle School District wipe out its students' school lunch debt and then realized that the Spokane school district was the next largest school district and wanted to help; and

WHEREAS, **Jeff Lew** loved school lunch as a kid and wishes for all children to have school lunch daily; and

WHEREAS, **Jeff Lew** as a parent wanted to make sure that no student would feel singled out or be bullied because of meal debt and that no child would go hungry; and

WHEREAS, **Jeff Lew** believes in equal lunches for all children and wants to eliminate the lunch-shaming of school children; and

WHEREAS, **Jeff Lew** on June 2<sup>nd</sup> created a GoFundMe account to raise money to pay for the lunch debt of the students of our city; and

WHEREAS, **Jeff Lew** as of August 10<sup>th</sup> has helped to raise a total of more than \$4,000 to make sure Spokane's school children are not held publicly accountable for unpaid school lunch bills by throwing away their food, providing a less desirable alternative, or physically marking them with handstamps; and

WHEREAS, a state-wide event was held on August 25<sup>th</sup> to publically recognize **Jeff Lew** for his commitment and contributions to helping eliminate school lunch debt across the state with the presentation of a check to Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma school districts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Spokane City Council that we hereby salute **Jeff Lew** for his love of school lunches and making sure all children get to eat a nutritious and desirable meal each day at school without shaming.

I, Ben Stuckart, Spokane City Council President,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this 11th Day of September in 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Stuckart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

Ben Stuckart  
Spokane City Council President