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## **COMMISSION STATEMENT ON ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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OLYMPIA – The Washington State Charter School Commission (Commission) is pleased that the Attorney General has urged the Supreme Court to reconsider its decision regarding its September 4<sup>th</sup> ruling that struck down the entire Charter School Act. Since the ruling was first issued, the Commission has called for the Court to consider and clarify the effects this decision would have on not only the 1,300 students already enrolled in public charter schools, but on other educational options available to the State's over 1 million public school students as a whole.

The Court must understand the peril students are placed in when the continuity of their education is upended. Abrupt changes in schools have such a negative impact on students, especially those already dealing with instability outside of school. This impact is not only immediately destabilizing, but has effects on successful graduation, future employment, and likelihood of incarceration. The Court should act to prevent such effects by allowing public charter school students to remain in their schools of choice.

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