

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2361**

WHEREAS, The 2006 Washington Learns report on improving education in Washington recommended increasing scholarships and support for low-income students as strategies to help raise the overall level of educational attainment among our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Governor Chris Gregoire and the 2007 Legislature established the Washington College Bound Scholarship Program to make college a realistic goal for more low-income children who make personal commitments to good citizenship and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, The College Bound Scholarship can be used to cover the cost of up to four years of college tuition and fees (plus \$500 for books) that are not covered by other state financial aid programs; and

WHEREAS, Students seeking College Bound Scholarships must apply during their 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>-grade years, meet financial eligibility requirements, fulfill a pledge to remain crime-free, and maintain a satisfactory grade-point average; and

WHEREAS, Eligible Washington students in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2008-09 school year also have a one-time-only opportunity to sign up for the College Bound Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 56,000 students in Washington are eligible for the College Bound Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, A student must be accepted into an eligible two- or four-year, public or private college, university, or vocational school in Washington to receive a College Bound Scholarship;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Highline School District Board of Directors support the goals of the College Bound Scholarship Program, and encourage District staff to work with the Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board to promote awareness of the program among eligible students to assist students in applying, and to provide the necessary instruction and guidance that will enable College Bound-eligible students to attain their education goals.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on March 11, 2009.