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Chad Magendanz Announces for Election in 5th Legislative District

ISSAQUAH, WA -- With the focus to "jumpstart education and jobs," community and education leader, Chad Magendanz has announced his 2012 bid for the newly reshaped 5th Legislative District seat currently held by Rep. Glenn Anderson (R-Fall City).

Magendanz is recognized as one of the most visible members of the Issaquah School Board and has been a longstanding advocate for both education reform and fiscal responsibility. He would represent the 5th Legislative District that includes Issaquah, East Renton Highlands, Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Carnation, Fall City, Snoqualmie, and North Bend through Snoqualmie Pass. Magendanz is focused on holding the line on education cuts while supporting a fair business climate to fuel our economic recovery.

"As an officer in the U.S. Navy, I pledged to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, both foreign and domestic...and I am still delivering on that promise today. I see challenges to our cherished way of life in unsustainable government spending, the decline of our schools, the over-regulation of our businesses, and everyday erosion of our constitutional rights," said Magendanz.

"During my career at Microsoft, I personally represented the company to U.S. senators and congressional staff, state attorneys general, hundreds of Fortune 500 CEOs, and thousands of industry insiders. As president of the Issaquah School Board, I've represented the school district's 17,500 students and 58,258 voters and helped prioritize its \$286 million annual budget. Now I have a unique opportunity to apply my enthusiasm and ability in serving families in the 5th Legislative District. Please allow me the opportunity to support and defend your interests in Olympia."

ABOUT CHAD MAGENDANZ

Magendanz was appointed to the Issaquah School Board in 2008 and elected in November of 2009. He served as Legislative Representative from 2009 to 2011 and was elected as President in December 2011. His efforts on the board have helped the district maintain high standards despite nearly \$16 million in cuts. For the past two years the district has received the highest rating in the state from the Center for American Progress for "Return on Educational Investment" (student achievement per dollar spent), main-

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taining the lowest administrative overhead in King County for an average savings of \$4 million annually. For the past 3 years, the Issaquah school board has also been named Board of Distinction by the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) and maintained clean state audits.

Magendanz is also serving his second term on the WSSDA Legislative Committee and represents the 8th Congressional District to the Federal Relations Network of the National School Board Association. As a 2009 PTA Outstanding Advocate, he was appointed to represent the Washington State PTA on the state's new Online Learning Advisory Committee. He is also a 2011 graduate of both Leadership WSSDA and the Jennifer Dunn Leadership Institute.

Magendanz received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University where he majored in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He served in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear submarine officer followed by 10 years as a full-time program manager at Microsoft, where he received more than 20 patent awards. For the last 7 years, he's been a freelance software design consultant for Microsoft as well as for Nike, Panasonic and other award-winning local high tech companies.

A resident of the Tiger Mountain community in Issaquah, Magendanz has been married 22 years to his wife Galen, a materials science engineer at Honeywell in Redmond. They have two boys aged twelve and fifteen who attend Maywood Middle and Liberty High School. An avid conservationist, outdoorsman, hiker and triathlete, Magendanz is a Kiwanis member, GOP precinct committee officer, PTSA legislative representative, and classroom volunteer.

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