

# QUICK FACTS



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## OUR END

Success for Each Child and Eliminate the Opportunity Gap by Leading with Racial Equity

## WHO WE SERVE

King and Pierce counties, as well as Bainbridge Island:

- 35 school districts, 10 charter schools, and 2 State-Tribal Compact Schools
- 424,819 K–12 public school students\*
- 5,003 early learners (Early Head Start, Head Start and ECEAP models)
- 291 private schools serving 48,755 students\*\*
- 39% of Washington’s K–12 public school students\*
- 59% of the K–12 students we serve are students of color\*

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

PSESD is committed to becoming an Antiracist, Multicultural Organization.

Each PSESD employee supports our regional educational communities. We hold each other accountable to meeting our End: Success for Each Child and Eliminate the Opportunity Gap by Leading with Racial Equity.

## WHO WE ARE

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\* Source: OSPI Report Card Enrollment 2022-23 School Year  
<https://www.k12.wa.us/data-reporting/data-portal>

\*\* Source: State Board of Education  
<https://www.sbe.wa.gov/our-work/private-schools>

We coordinate more than 100 programs in King and Pierce counties, and Bainbridge Island, through the following departments:

- ▶ **Learning, Teaching and Family Support** delivers opportunity-gap-closing services, professional development and resources to preK–postsecondary students and school systems.
- ▶ **Equity in Education** works collaboratively to enhance and support racially equitable and culturally responsive approaches among staff, students, parents and communities, building capacity to lead with racial equity.
- ▶ **Administrative and Management Services** provides strategic leadership and inter-agency cooperatives to support all aspects of school, administrative, business, finance, communications, evaluation, policy, transportation and human resources functions.
- ▶ One of nine Educational Service Districts (ESD) in Washington state
- ▶ Governed by a nine-member ESD board, elected by local school directors
- ▶ John P. Welch is the Superintendent of PSESD
- ▶ Employs more than 400 staff members including administrators, educators and support personnel
- ▶ Manages multiple locations, with the main office headquartered in Renton, Washington
- ▶ Reaches students, families, teachers and educators across Washington state

## WHAT WE DO

In addition to providing programs and services to students and school systems across the Puget Sound region, PSESD also manages the following regional initiatives:

### Puget Sound College and Career Network (PSCCN)

PSCCN removes barriers so that students of color, first generation, and students impacted by poverty in the Puget Sound region have the opportunity and support to access and obtain postsecondary credentials. We build regional capacity to increase equitable postsecondary readiness and completion across South King County and Pierce County by working with students, educators, community organizations, schools, districts, colleges and state-level organizations to organize strategies, programming and supports.

### Superintendents Advocating for and Valuing Education

The superintendents of the 35 school districts and two tribal schools in the Puget Sound region are united as Superintendents Advocating for and Valuing Education (SAVE). PSESD serves as convener of this group.

### Educare Seattle

Educare School of Greater Seattle is a comprehensive early learning program based in White Center, serving children from birth to age five who face barriers to accessing high-quality learning. Educare serves as a community hub and early learning knowledge model for our region.

### Educators of Color Leadership Community

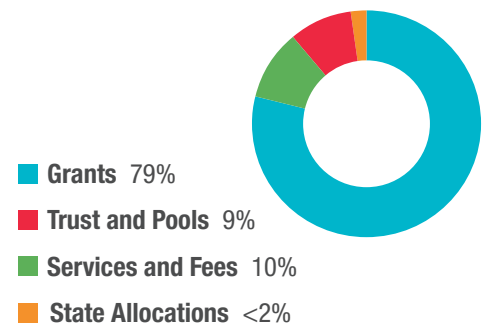
The Educators of Color Leadership Community (ECLC) is designed to support and retain educators of color through community building, culturally responsive mentoring and coaching, and professional learning that builds on the strengths of educators of color.

### Safety and Threat Assessment Cooperatives

The PSESD Safety and Threat Assessment Cooperatives strengthen safety, social-emotional, and threat-assessment services in school communities across the region through high-quality training, networking and coordination opportunities that are culturally responsive and trauma informed.

## OUR FUNDING

Less than two percent of our funding comes from a state allocation. Our programs are funded primarily by entrepreneurial means. We apply for and receive competitive state, federal and private grants. We also operate cooperatives among schools and other agencies, which are supported through membership fees.



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