

Lake Washington School District

2024 Legislative Priorities

Supporting Every Student and the Whole Child



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- Fully fund special education programs and staffing to align with inclusionary practices
- Update the transportation funding formula to provide clarity and predictability for districts ensuring equitable access to schools
- Authorize alternative teacher training and certification programs to attract, recruit, and retain high-quality, diverse staff

Student Support & Achievement

- Continue to increase staffing allocations in the prototypical model to reflect the actual staff required for student learning and student social-emotional health without impacting local levy funds
- Increase funding for necessary substitutes to reflect the actual cost
- Require a detailed fiscal note on all proposed legislation that affect school districts and corresponding funding

Sustainability

- Develop new funding models to transition transportation systems and infrastructure to zero-emissions vehicles by 2030
- Incentivize funding for sustainable design and construction of school buildings that ensure optimal health and productivity for students and faculty

Modern Learning Facilities

- Advance a constitutional amendment that authorizes simple majority for school bond passage
- Change non-voted debt rules to be consistent with other capital funding rules

Future-Ready Schools

- Create a funding mechanism to support school-based health and wellness centers providing basic physical and mental health services
- Direct OSPI to develop guidance on innovative, equitable and responsible use of AI technologies throughout the K-12 education system



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