



**Edmonds
School District**

2025 Legislative Priorities

The Edmonds School District and its Board of Directors are dedicated to collaborating with lawmakers to enhance public education in Washington state. In the 2025 Legislative Session, aligning with the priorities outlined by the Washington State School Directors' Association, our district is placing special emphasis on the following priorities:

Provide Resources for Ample, Equitable and Stable Education

Well-staffed schools are essential for student success. The State must fund enough educators, counselors, nurses, and support staff to meet real school needs. Current staffing falls short, more funding is needed to ensure students receive personalized academic, social, and emotional support.

Funding for materials, supplies and operating costs doesn't keep up with inflation and rising costs. We ask the Legislature to adjust MSOC funding to reflect actual expenses, such as insurance, utilities technology and curriculum.

The State has a constitutional obligation to fully fund basic education, its paramount duty. Yet, due to the flawed prototypical schools model, school districts continue to rely on local levies to cover essential programs and staffing. We call on the Legislature to fully fund basic education, removing the over-reliance on local resources to meet students' needs.

Education mandates must be fully funded. Unfunded mandates strain district budgets and redirect resources. We urge the Legislature to provide accurate fiscal notes and ensure new mandates come with adequate funding.

Meet Requirements for Special Education

Special education funding remains inadequate, forcing school districts to draw from general education resources to cover the costs. We advocate for the Legislature to fully fund special education programs, ensuring that students with disabilities receive the support services they are entitled to without compromising the quality of education for all students.

During the 2023-24 school year, \$10.3 million of funding came from our local levy to support special education. For the 2024-25 school year, we anticipate spending \$12 million local levy dollars to meet mandated special education obligations. We ask the legislature to fully fund special education to support the needs of all students.

Student Health, Safety and Well-Being

Student and staff safety is paramount. We urge the Legislature to provide sustained funding for mental health services, threat assessment programs, and physical security. We support legislation that ensures schools have the necessary resources to foster a safe learning environment while also promoting preventative measures that address the root causes of violence and behavioral issues.

Additionally, access to nutritious food is fundamental to student success and well-being. The pandemic highlighted the critical role that schools play in feeding students. We support universal free school meals for all students, ensuring that no child goes hungry and every student has the fuel they need to learn, grow, and succeed.

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