Lake Washington School District

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2027

REIN IN COSTS:

- No unfunded mandates: fund all mandates or remove mandates that are not supported with adequate funding.
- Address escalating insurance costs outside of districts' control.
- Streamline public records requests.

RELIABLE FUNDING:

- Fix and fully fund the prototypical school model.
- Increase funding for substitutes to align with state-required leave provisions.
- Fully fund special education programs without reliance on accounting maneuvers.

POLICY UPDATES:

- Update the transportation formula to provide transparency and predictability for school budget planning.
- Update the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) to reflect current costs and needs.
- Ensure safe, reliable and consistent access to technology and connectivity.
- Advance state climate goals with sustainable transportation and construction funding.
- Provide support for implementation of new evidence-based literacy curriculum requirements.

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST:

- Explore options for establishing an August 1 default effective date for legislation related to schools and districts to avoid mid-year disruption.

For more information visit:

https://www.lwsd.org/about/legislative-priorities

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES for Each Learner

BEYOND LAKE WASHINGTON

Lake Washington champions a strong education system that prepares all Washington state students for success.

School Funding Equity:

- Restore and codify Local Effort Assistance (LEA) enhancements.
- Restore Transition to Kindergarten (TTK) funding.
- Restore Running Start funding.

Construction Funding Reform:

- Utilize unspent SCAP funds to address additional needs of small/rural districts.
- Eliminate sales tax on all projects funded through the Small Schools Grant Program.
- Make progress on all recommendations from the 2025 SCAP report.

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