The 2016 Session began on January 11 and is scheduled to end on March 10.

It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex. (§ 1)

The legislature shall provide for a general and uniform system of public schools. (§ 2)

—Constitution of the State of Washington, Article IX, Education

2016 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM:

Comply with the Paramount Duty
WASA believes the Legislature should continue to be held accountable for complying with its “paramount duty” to provide ample funding for all K–12 children by implementing the new basic education finance system as adopted in both ESHB 2261 (2009) and SHB 2776 (2010). To ensure the new system is completely implemented—with full and equitable funding—by 2018, as consistently ordered by the Supreme Court in McCleary v. State, the Legislature must demonstrate steady progress towards compliance with the constitution.

Expand Available State Resources
The current state budget structure cannot accommodate the required—and needed—increases in basic education to comply with the Supreme Court’s McCleary decision, nor allow the state to address educator compensation or capital costs in a comprehensive way. WASA supports the enhancement of state revenues to ensure the Legislature is able to fully comply with the constitutional paramount duty with “regular and dependable” sources of funding and also prevent drastic reductions of other necessary government services—which would have significant direct and indirect impacts on K–12 education.

Ensure Competitive Public School Employee Compensation
WASA urges the Legislature to fully fund a competitive compensation system to ensure the state not only meets its responsibility to establish an equitable and ample allocation system, but maintains the present pension offerings and provides competitive benefits. Failure to address the state’s obligation to adequately fund educator salaries will continue to force an unconstitutional overreliance on local levies. The order of implementation is critical; current basic education labor costs must be funded first, before any potential reduction of local levies. Any proposal to fund compensation that simply “swaps” state and local property tax authority without providing new state funding will not work and cannot be supported.

Enhance School Construction Assistance
To fully comply with McCleary, a significant enhancement in school construction funding is required to ensure the state is amply funding the actual cost of constructing facilities necessary to reduce class sizes and implement full-day kindergarten. Understanding that a local contribution will likely still be required to access most state construction assistance, WASA also urges the Legislature to advance a constitutional amendment to the people authorizing school district bond issues to be approved with a simple majority vote.

ENGAGE WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

In the 2016 Session, K–12 education will again be a battleground. There are multiple priority education issues that need to be addressed by the Legislature, including: action on a Court-required “full and complete plan” to fully fund basic education; implementing and funding an updated educator compensation system; and implementing a funding solution that lessens local school districts’ overreliance on levies. Given these issues—and the approaching 2018 McCleary deadline to fully fund the state’s paramount duty—there will be much talk about “next steps.” Unfortunately, “talk” appears to be the only real action legislators may be willing to take. Legislative leaders in all four caucuses, along with the governor, have already clearly indicated that complying with the McCleary decision is a top priority—to be addressed NEXT year.

Even though this session may be geared to be another “do nothing” session, it remains incumbent upon administrators to remain engaged. Use TWIO and other WASA legislative resources, including this Session Guide, to regularly engage with your local representatives. Continue to build relationships with your local legislators so they know that you are the “go to” person when education issues are being discussed in the Legislature. Tell your “story” and remind legislators of your schools’ needs. And remind them that K–12 education is not just another budget expenditure, it is a wise and sound investment in the state’s future. Our efforts may not be successful; however, not participating in the legislative process will ensure our failure.
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<td>Last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways &amp; Means and Transportation committees.</td>
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* After the 54th day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.

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