WASA STABLE FUNDING COMMITTEE

Report to WASA membership June 25, 2012
WASA/AWSP Summer Conference
Spokane, WA
Background

- Created by the WASA Board of Directors 1/29/2012
- Original Charge: To develop an LEA component to improve Rep. Ross Hunter’s “Levy Swap” proposal
- Legislature approved HB 2824 that eliminated Student Achievement Fund (I-728) and established Joint Task Force on K-12 funding.
- Committee’s charge expanded to: Develop a set of principles to guide our work with the Joint Task Force and offer improvements to Rep. Hunter’s proposal.
Preparation

• Created a steering committee to develop the scope and focus for the WASA Stable Funding Committee and prepare materials for their consideration

• Steering Committee members Included:
  • Tom Fleming – ESD 105
  • Ken Hoover – Monroe SD
  • Bill Keim – ESD 113
  • Stephen Nielsen – PSESD
  • John Dekker – WASA

• Technical Advisors
  • Jennifer Priddy – Olympia SD
  • Cal Brodie – ESD 113
  • Allen Jones – Tumwater SD
Committee Roster

• Two representatives from each WASA region
  • Jake Dingman & Tom Rockefeller – 101
  • Kevin Chase & Rick Cole – 105
  • Carl Bruner & Jerry Jenkins – 108
  • Larry Nyland & Jeff Moore – 109
  • Marla Miller & Susan Smith Leland – 110
  • Harvey Erickson & Ted Kilcup – 111
  • Michael Green & Shonny Bria – 112
  • Howard King & Raj Manhas – 113
  • Greg Lynch & Flip Herndon – 114
  • Bruce Hawkins & Ray Tolcacher – 123
  • Matt Chalton & Scott Sattler - 171
• Met in Sea-Tac on May 31 – Facilitated by Brian Benzel
Guiding Principles

- Criteria for WASA’s support of funding proposals that emerge from the Joint Task Force and the legislature
  
  • Equity
  • Adequacy
  • Flexibility
  • Accountability
  • Sustainability and Adaptability
  • Predictability

- Developed by the WASA Stable Funding Committee and approved by the WASA Board of Directors (See handout & WASA website)
Areas of Consensus

- Representative Hunter’s “Levy Swap” proposal falls short of K–12 needs as currently proposed
- Revenue neutral proposals are not a sufficient “down payment” for full funding
- WASA members have developed modeling around a proposed state property tax increase
- Current and future proposals need to be considered in light of our Guiding Principles
- WASA is prepared to offer testimony to the Joint Task Force throughout this year
- Plans developed by the Joint Task Force need to address the full implementation of the Supreme Court decision
- Any “new” funding should be allocated based upon current law, based upon HB 2776 (i.e. MSOC, Transportation, etc.)
Next Steps

• Re-engage the steering committee and technical advisors to refine a strategic action plan

• Communicate with WASA membership—WASA Stable Funding Committee members in each region will be key in this effort

• WASA reach out to engage partner education associations

• Work with the Joint Task Force, provide testimony
  • Senate Democrats: Lisa Brown – Spokane, 3rd, David Frockt – Seattle, 46th
  • Senate Republicans: Steve Litzow – Bellevue, 41st, Joe Fain – Auburn, 47th
  • House Democrats: Marcie Maxwell – Renton, 41st, Pat Sullivan – Covington, 47th
  • House Republicans: Susan Fagan – Pullman, 9th, Gary Alexander – Olympia, 20th
  • Governor’s Representatives: TBD, TBD, TBD

• Reconvene WASA Stable Funding Committee prior to Fall Workshop (Oct. 10) for progress update