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

2015 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM:

**Comply with the Paramount Duty**

WASA believes the Legislature should 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 ESHB 2261 (2009) and SHB 2776 (2010). To ensure the new system is completely implemented—with full and equitable funding—by 2018, as 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 benefit and pension offerings.

ENGAGE WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

In 2015, the Legislature convened its first session of the 64th Biennial Session. The major job facing legislators will be to draft a new two-year budget amid a projected $1.0+ billion shortfall (that is, anticipated revenues are more than $1.0 billion less than anticipated expenditures). Adding a necessary basic education investment to comply with the Supreme Court’s McCleary education funding decision and a required down payment to begin the implementation of the recently adopted class size reduction initiative, I-1351, the shortfall grows to well-over $4.0 billion.

There will continue to be divided control of the Legislature. Democrats remain in control of the House, albeit with a slim 51–47 lead. Senate Republicans were numerically outnumbered by Democrats in the last two years, but they controlled a newly formed Majority Coalition Caucus, comprised of Republicans and two dissident Democrats. In 2015, Republicans have outright control of the Senate. Including one of the previous dissident Democrats, who will continue to caucus with Republicans, the Republican-led Majority Coalition Caucus holds a 26–23 majority.

Split control of the Legislature will complicate budget decisions and, while the major focus of this session will be on budget matters, there will be no shortage of policy issues for legislators and stakeholders to address. Education in particular will continue to be a battleground for legislators with an expected slew of “education reform” bills. The Senate Majority Coalition Caucus continues to rally around the mantra of “reform before revenue” and with an expected large investment in K–12, they will push for additional “accountability” in education. Because of the divided control of the Legislature, many of these policy issues are sure to be trade bait as legislators attempt to compromise on a final budget.

The 2015 Session, being nicknamed the “Super Bowl” of sessions by many, provides a tremendous, potentially once-in-a-lifetime, opportunity for K–12 education—an opportunity that we should not waste. School administrators cannot sit on their hands. Administrators need to remain alert and active in the legislative process. 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 about their funding obligations under the constitution and under the Supreme Court’s McCleary ruling; however, remind them upholding their constitutional duty is not simply an obligation—it is the right thing to do. And remind them that K–12 education is not just another budget expenditure, it is a wise and sound investment in the future.
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* After the 94th 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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