Legislative Session 2019:
Post Session Update
2019 Session Review

- 2019–21 Operating Budget
- 2019–21 Capital Budget
- Action on WASA Priorities
- Next Steps
STATE SPENDING ON K–12 EDUCATION OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS

Near General Fund and Opportunity Pathways operating expenditures

* Including 2018 supplemental budget

Source: Office of Financial Management, March 2018

OFM 5/6/2019
2019–21 Operating Budget

$52,813,000,000

$1,934,000  Policy Increases

$615,741  K–12 Education Increases

$328,682  SEBB Implementation

$287,059  Total K–12 Education Increases, Minus SEBB
# K–12 Policy Level Budget

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<td>Other Issues</td>
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**Total K–12 Policy Increase** $615.7 million
# K–12 Capital Budget

(Dollars in Thousands)

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<td><strong>TOTAL K–12 EDUCATION</strong></td>
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2019 Legislative Session
2019 Legislative Platform
~ Progress ~
WASA 2019 Platform

- Improve School Safety and Security
- Provide Equitable Education Investments
- Support School Facilities
- Expand Available State Resources

WASA 2019 Platform

Improve School Safety and Security

- Enhance current staffing allocations in:
  - Health & Social Services (including school nurses and mental health counselors);
  - Counselors; and
  - Student & Staff Security

- Invest in Regional Safety Centers (AESD priority)

Bills of Interest

- Prototypical Funding Model enhancements:
  - HB 1265–guidance counselors
  - SB 5315–nurses, social workers, psychologists, guidance counselors
  - SB 5465/HB 1547–nurses, guidance counselors, family & community engagement coordinators
  - HB 1479/SB 5777–professional development on mental health

- Guidance counselors – $1.8 million
  - Funding for increased guidance counselors in 20 schools receiving targeted supports as part of the WA School Improvement Framework
Bills of Interest

- **Student & Staff Security:**
  - HB 1035–funded SROs at all schools
  - SB 5052–develop SRO training

- **HB 1216 adopted:**
  - ESD Regional School Safety Center and OSPI state School Safety Center
  - Grant program to fund training for school district SROs (SB 5141)
  - $2.5 million provided in Operating Budget
WASA 2019 Platform

PROVIDE EQUITABLE EDUCATION INVESTMENTS

- Revise HB 2242/SB 6362, including:
  - Enhance Special Education funding;
  - Update inequitable levy/LEA policies;
  - Revisit salary allocation policy and funding for health benefits (SEBB); and
  - Reevaluate regionalization methodology

Provide Equitable Education Investments: Special Education
Bills of Interest

**Special Education:**
- HB 1093/SB 5312 – multi-tiered multiplier
- SB 5736 – increase multiplier to 0.98
- SB 5262 – required posting of special education service model; required information to parents prior to IEP meeting
- SB 5532 – professional development for family engagement

**SB 5091 adopted:**
- Increases special education excess cost multiplier from 0.9609 to 0.995 in 2019–20. Beginning in 2020–21, two-tier multiplier (0.995 or 1.0075) implemented
- Lowers threshold for high-need individuals for state-funded special education safety net awards to 2.3 times (rather than 2.7 times) the average per-pupil expenditure
Special Education Funding

Excess Cost Multiplier

- Documented underfunding: $309 million
- OSPI budget request: $87 million
- Governor budget request: $89 million
- House original proposal: $72 million
- Senate original proposal: $86 million
- Final Budget: $77 million

Additional funding for safety net threshold ($16M); safety net growth ($33M); and professional development ($25M)
Provide Equitable Education Investments: Levies & Local Effort Assistance
Changes levy lid to the lesser of:
$2.50/$1,000AV or $2,500 per pupil ($3,000 for Seattle)

Changes Local Effort Assistance threshold to $1,550 per student (plus inflation; $1,593 in Calendar Year 2020). Districts are eligible for LEA if $1.50/$1,000AV would raise less than $1,550. Additional LEA provided for Vancouver & Evergreen school districts in 2019–20.
School districts required to provide a supplemental expenditure schedule by revenue source, identifying amounts expended for supplemental enrichment activities

The State Auditor required to review expenditure of local funds

If SAO finds a school district is out of compliance, maximum taxes levied in the following year shall be reduced by the expenditure amount identified by SAO
Provide Equitable Education Investments: Salary Allocation & SEBB
SEBB Collective Bargaining Agreement accepted and funded

Benefit Allocation Factors maintained: Classified Staff, 1.43; Certificated Staff, 1.02

Insurance funding rate:
- $994 per employee per month, Fiscal Year 2020
- $1,056 per employee per month, Fiscal Year 2021
HB 1813–Pupil transportation service contracts would have been required to provide health and retirement benefit contributions equivalent to those received by school employees

SB 6011–Would have rejected SEBB CBA and moved school employees to PEBB

SB 6020–Would have approved of SEBB CBA, but increased eligibility threshold from 630 hours to 1,040 hours
WASA 2019 Platform

SUPPORT SCHOOL FACILITIES

- Advance constitutional amendment for Simple Majority approval of school district bonds
- Update and enhance School Construction Assistance Program funding formulas
- Assist property poor districts with capital funds
- Invest in safety–related school facilities upgrades

Bills of Interest

- **SB 5853**—Would have: phased in increases Construction Cost Allowance (CCA) and Student Space Allocation (SSA); and increased the funding assistance percentage floor

- **SB 5572**—Would have implemented Small District Modernization Grant program ($20M appropriated in Capital Budget, without bill)

- **SJR 8201/HJR 4203**—Would have sent constitutional amendment to the voters to authorize simple majority approval of bond issues
What Next?
NOW is the time to build relationships with your legislators

Invite them to tour schools, attend a board meeting, attend graduation ceremonies

Be prepared to “tell your story”—build data on budget deficits; staff layoffs; special education underfunding; other needs

Continue to engage this summer, fall, and be prepared to engage next year

252 days until 2020 Legislature convenes
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