



Representing 1,477 Elected Officials, Serving 1.1 Million Students



Thank you to our state leaders and citizen Legislators for your commitment to students. Many issues of priority to WSSDA advanced in 2019 in the areas of school funding, local levy authority, and mental health supports. We remain dedicated partners with the aim of building on last year's progress and addressing the remaining gaps in safety and support, staffing needs and school funding.

» Student Safety and Support

- Expand support for mental health services and trauma-informed practices.
- Require and fund social and emotional learning.
- Improve availability of quality early childhood and special education programs.
- Adequately fund public health research and education on firearms-related issues.
- Provide access to rigorous instruction that supports the success of each and every student.

» Staffing Needs

- Reduce local district fiscal impacts related to school employee health care benefits (i.e., SEBB).
- Update the prototypical school model to reflect school and student needs.
- Increase efforts to attract, recruit, train and retain high-quality, diverse staff.
- Support the development of a state salary schedule.

» Funding Model Equity

- Maintain ample and stable funding that supports planning at the local level.
- Retrofit school buildings for safety and provide for security personnel.
- Restore access to local funding and hold districts harmless.
- Diversify options to fund school construction and facilities.