



Everett Public Schools 2023 Legislative Priorities

Provide consistent, equitable, and ample educational resources

State and federal funding for staffing, services and programs that our students need for basic education fell short by more than \$52.9 million last year. Adjust the Prototypical School Funding Model and increase funding to cover the true costs of educating students such as early childhood education, extended day programs, and summer school.

Fully fund special education

Students receiving special education services are general education students first. 12.3 percent of our students received essential and legally protected special education services last year. These services should be considered basic education by the state and fully funded as such. Our costs for these services exceeded state and federal funding by \$9 million last year.

Advance equity in public education

State and federal funding providing equitable opportunities and access to resources so students can be successful regardless of their socioeconomic status (e.g., free meals, home internet access, summer school, college credits and testing fees) has been reduced by more than \$3.2 million over the last year. These costs should be covered by the state. Additionally, the state should fully fund the state mandated professional development in diversity, equity, inclusion, and social-emotional learning for **all** district staff, not just those with teaching certificates.

