

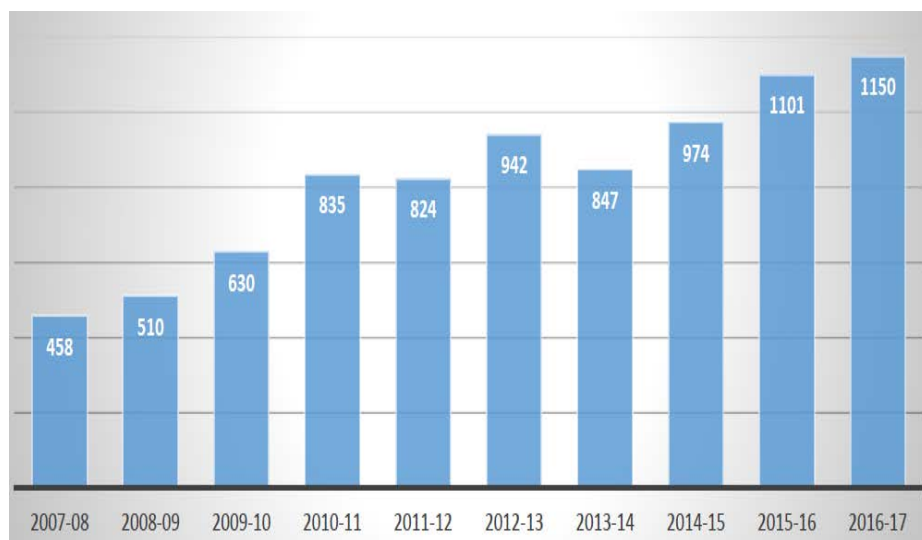


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District and Cocoon House earn \$60,000 for partnership

Homeless students in the district will benefit from state grant and joint support.

The Washington State Department of Commerce awarded the district \$60,000 to subcontract with Cocoon House to help homeless students in the district to stabilize their living situation or reunify with family. The goal is to provide educational stability for homeless students.



The number of homeless students in the district last school year would fill two elementary schools.

The number of homeless students in Everett Public Schools has dramatically increased. In 2007-08, the district served 458 homeless students. In 2016-17 that number was 1,150. In this partnership work, educational advocates employed by Cocoon House will coordinate support with school staff for homeless students at district high schools. Cocoon House has years of successful experience working with unaccompanied homeless youth – youth who are not in the custody of their parent or legal guardian. Approximately 45 students will be involved in the program.

“By stabilizing students’ lives and reducing the barriers to their educational access, we believe they will be more likely to succeed in school – and in life,” said Dr. Cynthia Jones, director of the district’s categorical programs.

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