OVERVIEW

Successes

Biggest issues

2023-25 budgets

New policies adopted for upcoming school years

What didn’t pass
2023-24 Adopted Priorities

1. Addressing the student mental health crisis
2. Closing critical gaps in education funding
3. Preventing & reducing gun violence and suicide
4. Addressing funding, inclusion, and supports in special education
5. Building and maintaining safer school facilities

2023 Legislative Session

- Funding carried forward to increase nurses, social workers, psychologists, counselors - $548.6M + for 2023-24 and 2024-25 school year
- Focus on making mental health, nurses more accessible
- ESHB 1436 – special education
- Transportation for special passengers
- School meals for K-4 grades
- 4+ bills on gun violence
- $40M seismic safety, $100M reappropriation
**ALSO SUPPORTED — POLICY & FUNDING**

**Diverse & Effective Educator Workforce**
- Money for RWT, BEST

**School Construction Funding Options**

**Mastery-based Learning**
- Money to continue MBL pilots

**Highly Capable Students**
- **SSB 5072** — universal screening

**Closing the Digital Divide**
- Money continues for grants

**Family Engagement**

**Climate Change**
- Lots of activity here

**Meaningful High School Diploma**
- High School & Beyond Plans — **E2SSB 5243**
- Dual Credit bills (Running Start, College in the High School) — **2SHB 1316, 2SSB 5048**
- New graduation pathway — **HB 1308**
- Work-based elective credit — **SHB 1658**
ADVOCACY IN ACTION

47 WSPTA testifiers

Focus Week, Focus Day and meetings with legislators

Action Alerts

Emails, amendment requests, requests for action
**SPECIAL EDUCATION — ESHB 1436**

- Increases the cap on enrollment from 13.5% to 15%

- Increases the multiplier rate:
  - 1.2 – PreK
  - 1.12 for students spending 80% or more of the school day in general education classes
  - 1.06 for students spending less than 80% in general education classes

- Safety Net access (when costs for a student’s IEP exceeds):
  - 2 times the average per-pupil expenditure (districts with fewer than 1,000 students)
  - 2.2 times the average per-pupil expenditure (districts with 1,000 or more students)

- Studies & Special Education Advocates
  - Disproportionality
  - JLARC/SAO performance audit
  - OSPI
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET
(BIG ITEMS) 2023-25 OPERATING BUDGET

❖ $101.7 million – to increase the cap on enrollment
❖ $240.1 million – to increase the multiplier
❖ $5.5 million – lower the safety net threshold
❖ $5.0 million – isolation & restraint demonstration projects
❖ $5.0 million – inclusionary practices Professional Development
❖ $5.0 million – learning device grants (checking on this)
❖ $13.5 million – IDEA and ARPA funding

NOTE: Additional funding can be found for special education in other activities, e.g., compensation
OTHER MONEY - OPERATING

• $261.3 million – compensation increases
• $82.4 million – Community Eligibility Provision (federal program) and Free School Meals K-4 (40% or more FRPL)
• $26 million – special passengers
• $23.3 million – regionalization/experience factor rebase (LEAP Doc. 3)
• $23 million – local effort assistance, one-time, 2023 supplemental (LEAP Doc. 4)
• ~$15 million behavioral health provisos
• $6.5 million mastery-based learning - expansion
2023-25 CAPITAL BUDGET

- $588.1 million School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP)
- $101 million Small District Modernization Grant program (1,000 or fewer students)
- $40 million Seismic safety ($100M reappropriation)
- $20.2 million School District Health & Safety
- $11.5 million Healthy Kids – Healthy Schools
- $5 million Career Prep & Launch Capital grants ($150K/project)
- $663,000 Dept of Natural Resources – seismic risk analysis
• **E2SHB 1143** – 10-day waiting period for all firearms (Chapter 161, Laws of 2023)

• **HB 1230** – safe storage of firearms and medications (signed by Governor)

• **SHB 1240** – banning assault weapons (effective immediately) (Chapter 162, Laws of 2023)

• **SSB 5078** – holding the firearms industry accountable (Chapter 163, Laws of 2023)

• **SSB 5561** – extending the date of the Law Enforcement Community Engagement Grant program

… and more + funding in operating budget for AGO, Commerce, OSPI
POLICY BILLS & BUDGET — MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE

• **E2SHB 1170** — updating the state’s integrated climate response strategy.

• **E2SHB 1181** — adding climate change as an element to the state’s Growth Management Act.

• **E2SHB 1216** — expediting clean energy siting.

• **HB 1777** — authorizing the use of performance-based contracting for energy services and equipment.

• $69 million — EV charging stations (districts eligible)

• $37 million — battery storage, solar (districts eligible)

• $20 million — energy assessment (districts eligible)

• $5 million — energy assessments (1,000 or fewer students)
MEANINGFUL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA & HICAP

• **HB 1308** – adding a performance-based graduation pathway
• **2SHB 1316** – expanding Running Start (FTE from 1.2 to 1.4, summer)
• **SHB 1658** – authorizing work-based elective credit (up to 2 credits, 360 hours each)
• **2SSB 5048** – eliminating College in the High School fees (UW, EWU, CWU, SBCTC)
• **SSB 5072** – requiring universal screening of all students, on or before 2nd grade and on or before 6th grade
• **E2SSB 5243** – updating the High School & Beyond Plans, universal platform
BILLS IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTIONS

- **SHB 1207** – requiring updated student handbooks to address HIB and discrimination in schools
- **E2SHB 1238** – providing free school meals for all students
- **HB 1622, HB 1679**, and **ESSB 5072** – supporting students experiencing homelessness
- **ESSB 5257** – requiring 30 minutes of recess in a full school day
- **HB 1232, 2SHB 1559**, and **EHB 1823** – supporting access and affordability of post-secondary education
BILLS THAT DIDN’T PASS — SPECIAL EDUCATION

Consideration for the 2024 Session?

• HB 1109 – early identification and evaluation grants for schools
• HB 1305 – earlier and quicker student evaluations
• HB 1479 – isolation and restraint practices
• Removing the cap on enrollment
BILLS THAT DIDN’T PASS
CONSIDERATION IN 2024 FOR WSPTA?

• HB 1353 – simple majority for bonds (HJR 4203 constitutional amendment)
• HB 1368 – zero emission busses
• HB 1392 – fair serving and repair of digital electronic equipment
• HB 1565 – teacher residency, online portal for hiring/recruiting
• HB 1741 – OSPI school staffing, including family & community engagement
• HB 1747/SB 5680 – conducting seismic studies on additional schools
• SB 5346 – encouraging use of student art in school construction
• SB 5647 – sharing school safety policies with temporary employees
QUESTIONS?