



# WASA's 2008 Legislative Platform

## Washington Association of School Administrators

WASA is a statewide organization representing 1,605 active and retired public school superintendents and administrators.

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*WASA believes that the commitment of resources to the education and welfare of the children of Washington state is an investment in the quality of our future.*

*We believe that effective school leaders initiate and manage change resulting in a system of K-12 education in which all students receive a quality education.*



## Invest in the Future: Fully Fund Our Public Schools

### The Legislature:

- Must approve a formula for K-12 schools that is sustainable, predictable, fairly allocated and fully funded by 2010.
- Must continue to increase funding each year for transportation, special education, teacher compensation, the administrator and classified salary allocation formulas, student achievement programs, technology, school safety and the ESDs while we progress toward the fully funded model.
- Must enact legislation relating to graduation requirements that is reasonable and achievable.
- Must either fund or eliminate state mandates.
- Must provide fair and equitable retirement and health benefits for school employees and retirees.

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Adopted by the WASA Board of Directors - August 3, 2007

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It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders . . . The Legislature shall provide for a general and uniform system of public schools.

Constitution of the State of  
Washington Article IX - Education

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