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2018 Legislative Session Guide

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The 2018 Session began on January 8 and is scheduled to end on March 8.

2018 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

COMPLY WITH THE PARAMOUNT DUTY

The additional investments in basic education provided by the 2017 Legislature through EHB 2242 (*McCleary* Plan) and SSB 5883 (2017–19 Budget) are appreciated; however, those enhancements do not fully fund the actual cost to school districts to offer an appropriate basic education program for all Washington school children. The funding is not ample, as required by the constitutional “paramount duty,” and WASA believes the Legislature should continue to be held accountable for meeting this obligation.

To fully comply with its constitutional mandate, the 2018 Legislature must address specific deficiencies of EHB 2242/SSB 5883, including:

- **Special Education.** While additional funding is provided for special education, there was no increase in per student funding (i.e., the excess cost multiplier), which will continue to force many districts to use limited local levy funds to backfill the state’s funding gap.
- **Salary Allocations and State Schedule.** Additional funds are also provided to support educator compensation; however, that enhancement is still not enough to fund actual salary or staffing costs. Instead, EHB 2242 institutes a new one-size-fits-all statewide average salary allocation, while eliminating an essential equity funding mechanism: the staff mix factor. Districts with more experienced staff will be forced to raise additional (albeit limited) revenue to retain those educators or be forced to discriminate against more senior staff in hiring decisions—or make program cuts. Compensation funding is neither ample nor equitable.
- **Levies.** EHB 2242 exacerbates current inequities between districts by capping levy authority of property rich districts at the lesser of \$1.50/\$1,000 AV or \$2,500 per student,

while levy authority of neighboring property poor districts is capped at a much lower \$1,500 per student—including state-funded Local Effort Assistance.

- **Regionalization.** EHB 2242’s calculation methodology and application of regionalization factors intensifies current district inequities, forcing needless competition for staff between neighboring districts.

SUPPORT SCHOOL FACILITIES

In 2017, over \$1.0 billion of school construction funding was left on the table following the failure to adopt a Capital Budget. The first priority of the 2018 Legislature should be to enact a full Capital Budget. WASA also urges the Legislature to: advance a constitutional amendment to the people authorizing school district bond issues to be approved with a simple majority vote; enhance the state’s investment in K–12 construction by updating the current, outdated funding formulas for the Construction Cost Allowance and Student Space Allocation to ensure funding more closely reflects actual construction costs and educational space needs; and provide school districts that have difficulty passing local bonds with capital funds to support necessary new construction or modernization.

EXPAND AVAILABLE STATE RESOURCES

The current state budget structure cannot accommodate both necessary increases in basic education to ensure ample funding for all K–12 children, and sufficient resources for other vital state programs. WASA supports expanded state resources or a restructured tax system to ensure ample, sustainable, and equitable revenues to enable the Legislature to fully comply with its constitutional paramount duty and also prevent drastic reductions of other necessary government services—which would have significant impacts on K–12 education.

ENGAGE WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

In the 2017 Session, the Legislature adopted the long-sought, Court-ordered Education Funding Plan for *McCleary*. EHB 2242, a monumental, game-changing overhaul of Washington’s K–12 education funding system, was adopted and signed into law. On November 15, the Supreme Court ruled that EHB 2242 and the adopted budget (SSB 5883) “satisfied the mandate to fully fund the program of basic education.”

Even though the Court accepted the Legislature’s *McCleary* solution, it is overwhelmingly clear EHB 2242 includes many flaws and inconsistencies. In the 2018 Session, WASA (along with a host of others) will be advocating for “fixes” to EHB 2242. Many legislators believe that *McCleary* is over; however, it remains

incumbent upon administrators to remain engaged—and be more engaged in the legislative process than ever before to ensure the new funding system is implemented so it serves all children and school districts in a fair and equitable manner.

Use *TWIO* and other WASA legislative resources, including this Session Guide, to regularly engage with your local representatives. Continue to build relationships with your local legislators so they know that you are the “go to” person when education issues are being discussed in the Legislature. Tell your “story” and remind legislators of your schools’ needs. Our efforts may not ultimately be successful; however, not participating in the legislative process will guarantee our failure.

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2018 SESSION CUTOFF CALENDAR

These are the dates in the resolution as introduced; the schedule is not final until it has been adopted by both the House and Senate.

January 8	First Day of Session
February 2	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
February 6	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.
February 14	Last day to consider (passed) bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).
February 23	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
February 26	Last day to read in opposite house committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
March 2*	Last day to consider opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).
March 8	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

* After the 54th day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8–9:55 a.m.				House Education HHRA	
1:30–3:25 p.m.	Senate Early Learning & K–12 SHR1 House Education HHRA	Senate Early Learning & K–12 SHR1 House Education HHRA		Senate Early Learning & K–12 SHR1	
3:30–5:30 p.m.	Senate Ways & Means SHR4 House Appropriations HHRA	Senate Ways & Means SHR4	Senate Ways & Means SHR4 House Appropriations HHRA	Senate Ways & Means SHR4 House Appropriations HHRA	