



Capital Region ESD 113

2019 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM



EQUITABLE AND FLEXIBLE FUNDING

- Allow districts to support community priorities through expanded local levies. Tie these levies to a percent of total district expenditures, rather than unpredictable factors like student enrollment or property values.
- Increase state support for Local Effort Assistance (LEA) to expand financial support of high-need districts.
- Revise the regionalization model. Address unintended consequences to districts adjoining districts receiving regionalization, and include the unique needs of rural school districts when allocating these additional funds.



SALARY ALLOCATION

- Fund salaries based on staff experience. The current average salary allocation model creates inequities and inserts compensation costs into the staff selection process.



HEALTH CARE

- Delay implementation of the new SEBB program until the Legislature fully funds the cost.



SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Increase the special education multiplier.
- Include new multipliers for students who need significant support.
- Increase available funds and streamline the Safety Net process.
- Increase technical assistance for districts that need to access Safety Net funding.

OTHER REQUESTS:



SCHOOL SAFETY

- Increase funding for school nurses.
- Fund mental and behavioral health services, guidance counselors, and crisis response coordination.
- Invest in a regional safety center stationed at our educational service district.



SCHOOL FACILITIES

- Advance a constitutional amendment allowing voters to approve school bond measures with a simple majority.
- Increase Construction Cost Allowance and Student Space Allocations to align with true construction costs and square-footage needs.
- Revise rules to require serving districts to notify non-high districts of new capital projects.

This 2019 Legislative Platform was approved by the superintendents of the 44 public school districts and one tribal compact school served by Capital Region ESD 113.

Washington's educational service districts were created by the state legislature in 1969 to ensure equitable outcomes for all students. Our ESD serves the school districts in Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Pacific and Grays Harbor counties.

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