



2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP) and the Washington School Principals' Education Foundation (WSPEF)

WASHINGTON'S 1.1 MILLION STUDENTS NEED US.

Public education isn't optional; it's the state's paramount duty. Every student and staff member must learn and lead in safe, equitable environments where goals turn into achievements. We want every student to graduate inspired, skilled, and ready—with a credential that opens doors to stability, mobility, and purpose.

Fully fund basic education. Invest in and sustain strong school leaders. Meet the needs of students.

Our kids can't wait. The future of Washington walks into our schools every morning. The future is now.

Fully Fund Basic Education

Support the OSPI request for an increase to Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs (MSOC) to ensure equitable support for both small and large districts

Complete the job of fully funding the cost of special education services so that our schools can better serve our most vulnerable students

Pause on new policies that are unfunded so that schools can focus on core academic needs

Grow, Support, Sustain, and Protect Highly Effective Leaders

Adequately fund the Principal Internship Grant

Fund the Beginning Educator Support Team Program to include Principal Mentoring

Increase the ratio of school principals in the Prototypical School Funding Model to promote school cultures of learning and growth, support students by regularly meeting social-emotional and mental health needs, and address increased responsibilities in supervisory duties of their staff members

Increase Supports for Students

Maintain state investments in school behavioral health, including the Behavioral Health Navigator Program, the Student Assistance Program, and School-based Health Centers

Leverage Medicaid funding to sustain and expand school-based behavioral health supports

Restore funding to outdoor education

Increase the tobacco tax in order to discourage youth from using these products and to raise revenue for cessation and education efforts

Support the Student Civic Education Summit

