

Governor Inslee has proposed to send millions of dollars to Lake Washington for you and your students!

House Education Funding Plan – (HB 1843)

- ✓ Funds competitive, professional base pay and benefits to attract and keep great K-12 teachers and school employees.
- ✓ Continues to phase in increased staffing ratios to decrease class size and increase supports for students.
- ✓ Acknowledges new revenue is needed to fully fund public schools and protect vital social and health services.
- ✓ Recognizes school districts need the flexibility to use local levy funding to meet local students' needs and to address unique needs and priorities of their communities.
- ✓ Addresses the "levy cliff" by phasing in adjustments over time the next three years allowing districts to plan for the change.

Senate Education Funding Plan – (SB 5607)





- ✓ Cuts pay for many teachers.
- ✓ Slashes special ed funding by prohibiting use of local funds for special ed.
- ✓ Increases class size by eliminating voter-approved I-1351.
- ✓ Eliminates the voter-approved COLAs for school employees (I-732).
- ✓ Lowers teaching requirements, no teaching certificates would be required.
- ✓ Expands charter schools.
- ✓ Restricts due process for teachers.
- ✓ Sets up the funding mechanisms that could lead to school vouchers or other school privatization schemes.
- ✓ Severely limits local collective bargaining and the right to strike.

But will the Legislators do their job?

The Senate Republicans released a plan (SB 5607) that is punitive, reckless and bad for public schools. This plan passed out of the senate on a party-line vote of 25 Republicans to 24 Democrats.

They need to hear from you!

We urge both the Senate and the House budget writers to follow Governor Inslee's lead and to pass a state budget that invests in smaller class sizes and additional support professionals in our schools and funds competitive pay for all educators.

-  **Write a postcard!**
-  **Email your legislators!**
-  **Call the Legislative Hotline! 800-562-6000.**
-  **Meet with Legislators on Saturday, March 11**



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