



The Washington State
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Legislative Platform Priorities

September 2022



Legislative Committee

Purpose

- Serves in advisory capacity to the staff and the Board
- Develops the Board's annual legislative platform and year-round advocacy plan
- Provides guidance on legislative positions

Commitment

- Meets weekly during session and once or twice per month during interim

Members

- Mary Fertakis (Chair)
- Pavan Venkatakrisnan
- Bill Kallappa
- MJ Bolt



Interim Plan

- May
 - Board reflection and discussion of priorities
- July
 - Legislative Committee provides recommendation of requests based on emerging issues
 - Board discussion
- September
 - Board approval of requests
 - Board discussion of platform priorities
 - *Mid-Sep. OFM deadline for agency requests*
- November
 - Finalize requests
 - Board approval of legislative platform
- December
 - System health report due by December 1
 - Graduation pathways report due by December 15
 - Profile alignment report due by December 31



Three Pillars of Advocacy





Platform Priorities

Committee recommendation for discussion

- Umbrella priority: Educational equity
 - Funding
 - Special education
- Learning recovery and acceleration
- Student mental health and social emotional learning
- Ethnic studies and antiracism
- Enhance relevance and personalization of the student learning experience
 - HSBP improvements
 - Graduation pathway options
 - Mastery-based learning
 - Interdisciplinary opportunities
- Promote dual language and biliteracy
- Elementary education
 - Elementary science education
 - Early literacy



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