



The Washington State
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Legislative Requests & Priorities

September 7, 2023



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 (Chair)
- Angela
- Bill
- Brooke
- Castulo
- Patty
- Paul





Interim plan

June 27-29 Board Retreat

- Community members and organization partners share issues and priorities
- Board reflection and discussion of priorities
- Board provides staff direction on budget and legislative requests to explore/develop

July to mid-August

- Staff and Leg Comm explore and develop request concepts
- Stakeholder engagement

August 16-17 Board Meeting

- Legislative Committee shares update on development of requests
- Board provides feedback on requests
- Board discussion of platform priorities

Second half of August

- Staff and Leg Comm address feedback and finalize requests for board approval
- Stakeholder engagement

September 7 Board Meeting

- Board approval of requests
- Board discussion of platform priorities
- *Mid-Sep. OFM deadline for agency requests*

Sept. to mid-October

- Staff and Leg Comm develop platform for board approval
- Stakeholder engagement

October 11-12 Board Meeting

- Board approval of legislative platform



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**Update on Potential
Legislative Requests**



Potential request: Administrative service provider

- Currently, OSPI provides services to SBE to support human resources, purchasing and contracting, travel, IT and communications infrastructure, office space, and other administrative functions
- Challenges: Differing needs, additional workload and undue time on administrative matters for both agencies, impacts planning
- Potential Solution: Alternative approaches to addressing SBE administrative support needs, including Small Agency Services and other options to streamline operations
 - Request legislation, joint with PESB, to repeal language saying SBE and PESB reside in OSPI for administrative purposes
 - Potential budget decision package
 - No changes to policy or governance (purely administrative)
- Status: Need additional information to finalize cost calculations and decision on preferred approach



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Development of Platform Priorities

Three Pillars of Advocacy



Platform Priorities

Committee recommendation for discussion



August (6 buckets)

- Physical and emotional safety

- Cultural responsiveness

- Relevancy and personalization of the student learning experience

- Access to powerful learning opportunities

- Information transparency and accountability

- Community partnership

September (3 buckets)

- Support the whole child to create the conditions needed for learning

- Expand and strengthen opportunities for powerful learning

- Build capacity of education partners to better serve students and families

