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2011 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

WASA believes that the commitment of resources to the education and welfare of the children of Washington State is an investment in the quality of our future.

We believe that effective school leaders initiate and manage change resulting in a system of K-12 education in which all students receive a quality education.

It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders without distinction or preference on account of race, color, caste, or sex. (§ 1)

The legislature shall provide for a general and uniform system of public schools. (§ 2)

Constitution of the State of Washington
Article IX - Education

All actions taken by the 2011 Washington State Legislature must be evaluated in light of the February 4, 2010, King County Superior Court school funding decision (*McCleary v. State*).

WASA will only support bills and budget items that address the following conclusions declared by Judge John Erlick in that decision:

- “State funding is not ample, it is not stable, and it is not dependable.”
- Paramount means “preeminent, supreme, and more important than all others.”
- “Without funding, reform legislation for basic education may be an empty promise.”

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