



FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Statement on budget agreement

We're pleased the House and Senate have at last come to an agreement. Our districts are already pressed to make decisions for the coming year. The budget makes a solid investment in many of the areas school directors are concerned about, including transportation, full-day kindergarten and smaller class sizes. We would like to have seen more money to cover the costs of running the schools and for training on the new teacher and principal evaluation system. This is an important investment, although it is less than we need to stay on schedule to meet the McCleary deadlines to fund our schools. The Legislature will have to make up a lot of ground in the next few budgets, which underscores the need to avoid any further policy shifts that are not fully funded.

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