



# Media Statement

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## **Statement on House Democratic Budget**

### **WSSDA Board President Debra Long**

“We’re thrilled with the budget work of the House Democrats. This budget fully funds transportation, school operations, full-day kindergarten and smaller class sizes. It helps in other important areas like training to implement the teacher and principal evaluation system and increased instructional hours. This is the only proposed budget that takes a step toward addressing the underfunding of salaries for our administrators and classified staff. This is a proposal that recognizes that the state has underfunded education and the burden has been placed on local levies.”

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**About WSSDA** — Founded in 1922, the Washington State School Directors' Association is comprised of all 1,477 school board members from Washington's 295 school districts. The districts they lead serve more than one million students, have a combined annual budget of \$6 billion, and employ nearly 100,000 people. WSSDA's core mission is focused on ensuring that school board members have the knowledge, tools and services they need to effectively govern their districts and improve student learning.

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