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Quote of the Week

“Education is the transmission of civilization”

Will Durant

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WWPS 2023 Legislative Priorities

District reaching out to elected officials

Superintendent Dr. Wade Smith and district lobbyist Marie Sullivan joined school board members in discussing legislative priorities for the 2023 Legislative Session in Olympia.

Sullivan is networked with the state's elected officials and is engaging with them to ensure they are aware of the district's position on these key issues. Superintendent Smith and school board members will also connect with locally elected officials from the 16th District to raise awareness on these legislative priorities.

Preserve High Quality Transitional Kindergarten

Walla Walla Public Schools supports legislation that sets consistent parameters to operate Transitional Kindergarten while maintaining flexibility to allow school districts to meet the needs of their underserved learners and their families, and continued funding for TK as part of Basic Education.

Fully Fund Special Education

Walla Walla Public Schools calls on the Legislature to close the gap between what it costs to provide services to students with disabilities who are being served by an Individual Education Plan. In addition, the district supports policies that would remove the arbitrary 13.5% cap that, in many cases, underrepresents the actual population being served.

Ensure Small District Access to Regional Skill Center Programming and Opportunities

Walla Walla Public Schools supports legislation and budget that would hold harmless state-identified small high schools (<300 FTE) when at least 10 percent of the sending high school's combined 11th and 12th grade student headcount is enrolled at the skill center. To qualify for the hold harmless funding (1.0 FTE), students in the sending district must be a full time enrolled student (1.0 FTE), and attend half or more of their day at the skill center.

Maintain Experience Factor

Walla Walla Public Schools seeks stable and predictable funding to attract educators and retain its current work force. This includes a funding enhancement for districts whose average teacher experience and education are in excess of the state's average, necessary to close the gap between what the state provides an average teacher salary and the actual cost a district incurs as a result of an experienced and highly educated workforce.

Also, any district that receives the 4% experience factor shall have its funding maintained for at least two school years if the formula splits percentages for above-average experience and education.