

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

● ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ESDs serve 1.1 million Washington students by providing behavioral and mental health supports, professional learning for educators, and shared services that small and rural districts need most. While other state agencies averaged 6% to 10% reductions, the 2025 legislative session cut ESD core funding by 35%. This eliminated teaching and learning support as Washington transitions to new learning standards and limits our ability to be

responsive to urgent district requests. Core funding sustains staff who respond quickly to district needs and answer hundreds of daily requests about transportation, fiscal operations, staffing, curriculum, and crisis response. These services form the backbone of Washington's educational system. The 35% reduction limits timely support, directly affecting students' access to learning, stability, and wellness.

Proposed Solution

REVERSE the core funding "administrative reduction" to ensure districts can receive timely professional learning and administrative support. **REQUEST:** \$2M

● STUDENT-CENTERED MATH SUPPORT

Washington students face significant math challenges. Statewide assessment data show many students are not meeting grade-level standards, with opportunity gaps disproportionately affecting students from low-income, rural, and historically underserved communities.

Improving math outcomes is critical to ensuring college and career readiness and sustaining a competitive workforce. Students need conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and problem-solving skills to succeed in STEM fields and participate fully in college, careers, and civic life in a data-driven world.

Proposed Solution

SUPPORT professional learning for educators, high-quality standards-aligned math instructional materials, and assessment tools that identify student needs early and inform instruction.



The Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) Network comprises Washington's nine Educational Service Districts (ESDs). We provide student and educator services focused on learning.

This year, our legislative goal is sustaining the AESD Network's student support systems.

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ABOUT THE AESD NETWORK

The Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) Network comprises the state's nine regional Educational Service Districts. Our mission is to ensure equity and excellence in education through effective services delivered statewide — and to inspire and foster equity, opportunity, and results through meaningful support of all school districts.

Geographically closer to local schools and their district offices, the ESDs respond to local needs of school districts in their region. ESDs also serve as liaisons between the State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the State Board of Education (SBE), and the Legislature.

WE SERVE



1M+

K-12 students



68K+

Classroom teachers



700+

Public school districts, state Tribal education compact schools, charter schools, and private schools

Snapshot of ESD Regions

