

**OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 602: LEGISLATIVE AND FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Olympia School District No. 111, Thurston County, Washington, declaring the district’s legislative and funding priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111, THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Olympia School District No. 111, Thurston County, Washington (the “District”) estimates that based on projections of state funding compared to district costs for the 2020-21 school year and beyond the Olympia School District will face significant deficits despite welcome changes to levy authority made by the Legislature in the 2019 Legislative Session. The deficits are caused, in part, by inequitable funding mechanisms (Regionalization, Staff Mix) and underfunded mandates (Special Education, Health Care, K-3 Class Size). To address this deficit, the Board supports necessary legislative action at the state level as follows this session:

Special Education

- Build on investments in the 2019-21 biennial budget and continue to work toward elimination of underfunding. Olympia School District underfunding was \$5.6 million in the prior school year.

State Salary Allocations

- Fully fund the cost of basic education staffing, including full funding for the premium associated with a highly experienced and highly educated teacher workforce or increase levy authority commensurate with this cost.

Physical and Mental Well-Being of Students

- Increase the number of counselors, social workers, family engagement coordinators, psychologists, security staff and nurses that are funded in the state’s basic education prototypical school model to meet the changing needs of students.

Health Care

- Fully fund the costs of the local impact of more employees becoming eligible for full benefits.

Equitable and Flexible Funding

- Revise the regionalization model to address inequities where other school districts receive regionalization despite lower housing costs than Olympia School District.
- Continue to make improvements to the Olympia School District’s levy authority to ensure that voters can backfill state funding shortfalls and provide adequate staffing and supports to students.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Olympia School District No. 111, Thurston County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof, of which due notice was given as required by law, held this 16th day of December 2019, the following Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution.

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Hilary Seidel, President and Director

Scott Clifthorne, Vice President and Director

Maria Flores, Director

Justin McKaughan, Director

Leslie Huff, Director

Attest:

Patrick C. Murphy, Ed.D., Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Directors