



2019 Legislative Priorities

South Washington County Schools

District 833 believes in a shared responsibility between the district, the community and state legislature to educate our youth. For the district's part, we are working to support personalized learning for all students and to close the achievement gaps within our district. The support offered by the legislature can directly impact the outcomes of this work. Flexibility in state statutes and mandates allows us to be more flexible in our approach as we work to accomplish our goals. Below are some issues to consider that, we believe, would benefit our students, staff, parents and the greater community.

Increase Local Control



Allow locally-elected School Boards to **renew existing operating referendums** at least once every voter-approved authority.



Allow districts the **flexibility to use lease levy funding** to add needed common spaces to accommodate overall growth, i.e. restrooms, cafeterias, etc.

Equalize Funding & Enhance Equity



Maintain adequate funding on the base formula and **increase Special Education funding** to reduce the cross subsidy. Index both the formula and Special Education funding to inflation.



Increase equalization of operating referendum, debt service and local optional levies to **reduce funding disparities**.

Support Strategies to Close the Opportunity Gap



Increase funding for the English learner program to eliminate the budget shortfall.



Provide more flexibility with state required assessments so school districts can offer assessments that more accurately measure student college or career readiness.

Working in Partnership



District 833's administrators and representatives will be visiting the capitol to talk with lawmakers during the 2019 Legislative Session. District leaders can also be available for any conversations or hearings taking place throughout the year. **To schedule a meeting, please contact Dayna Pottratz at 651-425-6201 or dpottrat@sowashco.org.**

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