

# Boosting Opportunities for Students with a \$2.3 Billion Investment

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Governor Jay Inslee proposes a multi-dimensional education package to invest in the success of learners from preschool to college. His priorities also include funding for educator training and compensation to complete the package. These new investments build upon reforms accomplished in previous years to prepare Washington students not just for learning at the next level, but for success in careers and in life. With these strategies, Washington will deliver on its promises to its students, families and educators.

## Offer opportunities for our youngest learners, \$156.3 million\*

- » Improve child care quality by expanding the state's Early Achievers program (\$70.5M)\*
- » Add 6,358 spaces, which include more full-day slots, in the state's preschool program for low-income children, bringing the total served to 70 percent of the eligible population (\$79.8M)\*
- » Meet demand for early intervention services, such as physical and speech therapy, through the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers program (\$4.0M)\*
- » Expand the number of families receiving home-visiting services to improve prenatal health and early childhood well-being (\$2.0M)\*

## Increase basic education funding to reduce class sizes, increase class time for kindergartners and cover school operations costs (constitutes full implementation of House Bill 2776 one year ahead of schedule), \$1.3 billion

- » Reduce class sizes to 17 for kindergarten through third grade in the 2016–17 school year (\$448.1M)
- » Implement full-day kindergarten statewide in the 2016–17 school year (\$107.6M)
- » Supply schools and classrooms with full funding of the formula for materials, supplies, curricula and operating costs in the 2015–16 school year. This will allow full implementation of the state's new standards in English, math and science, and support the use of positive behavior intervention curricula (\$751.8M)~

These combined enhancements include special education increases totaling \$144.8M.

## Promote student success and increase high school graduation rates, \$87.4 million

- » Provide staffing to support elementary school family engagement (\$20.0M)
- » Offer grants for elementary schools to operate breakfast-after-the-bell programs at high-poverty schools (\$5.0M)\*
- » Offer outdoor learning opportunities and project-based science curricula (\$2.0M)\*
- » Add middle school guidance counselors at high-poverty schools (\$13.7M)
- » Boost career readiness through Jobs for Washington's Graduates and programs preparing students for direct entry into a skilled trade upon graduation (\$3.0M)\*
- » Increase low-income student participation in College in the High School programs (\$9.0M)\*
- » Provide more Learning Assistance Program funding to high schools with concentrated levels of poverty (\$34.7M), to:
  - Extend learning time and wraparound services for students
  - Set up school-wide efforts to improve attendance and reduce suspensions
  - Match students with mentors and internships

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~funding provided in the maintenance level budget

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### **Support high-quality teaching and instructional leadership, \$30.4 million**

- » Implement statewide mentoring program for new teachers (\$17.9M)\*
- » Increase funding for school turnaround programs offering leadership and instructional coaching (\$4.2M)\*
- » Provide more instructional training for K-8 math and science teachers; develop environmental science curricula; and increase number of teachers endorsed in secondary-level computer science (\$2.3M)\*
- » Integrate additional K-12 classroom experience in pre-service training programs through funding of innovation grants and restoring funding for the Alternative Routes to Teaching program (\$4.2M)\*-
- » Expand support for first-year principals (\$1.0M)\*
- » Increase cadre of special education leaders and best practices in instruction (\$0.8M)\*

### **Invest in educator compensation, \$595.6 million**

- » Fund Initiative 732 COLAs for educators of 1.8 percent in the 2015–16 school year and 1.3 percent in the 2016–17 school year (\$235.5M)-
- » Provide additional funding for total pay increases of 3 percent in 2015–16 school year and 1.8 percent in the 2016–17 school year to align with state employee increases (\$150.1M)
- » Fund state’s share of higher K-12 pension contribution rates (\$210.0M)-

### **Maintain higher education access and affordability, \$125.5 million**

- » Freeze resident undergraduate tuition rates for all public institutions of higher education\*
- » Fund 5,576 more students in the state’s College Bound program, which provides an early commitment of financial aid to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from low-income families (\$25.5M)\*
- » Provide the state’s contribution to the publicly-privately funded Opportunity Scholarship program, which offers financial aid to qualified students in the STEM and health care fields (\$100.0M)\*

### **Boost higher education attainment and training, \$30.4 million**

- » Expand advanced computer science and engineering programs at the research universities (\$6.0M)\*
- » Increase production of math and science graduates at the regional universities and The Evergreen State College (\$8.0M)\*
- » Fund the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement program at the community colleges to boost support of underrepresented students in math and science fields (\$2.0M)\*
- » Increase job training and basic education access at the community and technical colleges for adults without a high school diploma (\$10.0M)\*
- » Target industry investments to add aerospace apprenticeships, operate the composite wing incumbent worker training program and offer maritime licensing training program at the community colleges to maintain economic competitiveness (\$4.4M)\*

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