

Legislative Priorities for Port Angeles School District

Revisit Regionalization

The Regionalization Factor provides additional % to funded staff units to some district. PASD currently receives 6% Temporary funding, but this temporary amount regresses over time. The 6% regionalization represents \$517,648 of our allocation for this year and next year.

Revisit Methodology of Prototypical Funding Model

*Did you know...*currently the state funds:

7.16 counselors for PASD among 8 school sites

.59 of a school nurse position for 3,800 students

5.6 para educators for Basic Education District-wide

Fully Fund Special Education

This is a shared problem among districts. Each district has to utilize some levy dollars for SpEd.

Example: PASD paid \$894,021.63 out of local levy dollars to support the SpEd Program that Special Education funding from the state did not cover.

A neighboring district, Sequim School District paid \$694,889.44.

Evaluate the Impact of the Levy Swap

Inequity between property rich and property poor districts. To illustrate this, PASD will lose 45% of levy/LEA funding while Sequim will lose 6%. Both districts will receive the same state revenue dollars for Basic Education.

The authorized Levy amount changed from \$3.00/\$1,000 AV to \$1.50/\$1,000 AV.

Support Simple Majority for School Capital Bonds

In February 2015, a 25-year, \$98.2 million bond to replace the high school received 4,782 votes or 49.68%. Prior to that PASD has not passed a bond since 2001.

In February 2018, a 6-year, \$46.7 million capital facilities levy to expand and renovate Stevens Middle School received 4,008 votes or 48.78%.

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