Working to improve public education in Washington state from cradle to career with ample, equitable, and stable funding.
Current Student Supports in Basic Education

• Staff in schools
• Learning Assistance Program
• Special Education
• English Language Education
• Highly Capable Program
Staff in Schools

- Prototype model allocates funding to school districts for student support staff
  - Counselors
  - Nurses
  - Social workers
  - Psychologists
- Allocations in prototype are not for full time staff
- Districts are not required to hire these staff
Learning Assistance Program

• Funding allocated based on student income status
• Students eligible for services based on academic performance, not income
• LAP provides primarily academic supports, including tutoring and extended learning time
  – 5% of funds may be spent on “Readiness to Learn” supports, which include behavior, mental health, physical health, and other non-academic supports
Special Education and English Language Supports

- Funding provided based on qualifying students
  - Special Education enrollment capped at 12.7%
- Funding must be spent on services for qualifying students
- Services for Special Education students, Learning Assistance Program students, and English Language Learners are often provided by paraeducators
  - Do not receive the same training and supports as certificated staff
Washington Integrated Student Supports Protocol

• Legislation creating WISSP passed in 2016
• WISSP will be framework to help districts assess the academic and non-academic needs of students and partner with community based organizations and families to provide integrated supports
• OSPI convening a workgroup to develop the WISSP
Social Emotional Learning Benchmarks

• OSPI convened workgroup to establish SEL benchmarks and standards
  – Recommendations in 2016 to Legislature
• The benchmarks and standards can be used by districts and schools to improve or implement social emotional learning and create positive, culturally responsive, and supportive environments

QUESTIONS?