School Strikes & Funding

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Agenda

• What the heck happened
• Why we are seeing teacher strikes across the state
• Tradeoffs
• What you can do
• Questions
• Resources
What the heck happened

• *McCleary* money went into the system
• One year bump of funds
• Lack of clarity on where the money was supposed to go
• State union direction to request up to 32% in staff increases
Why are we seeing teacher strikes across the state?

- McCleary not equitable
- McCleary not even equal
- Amount allowed to raise locally not equal and capped
- Some school districts received bumps of money for:
  - Regionalization costs
  - Experience factor
  - Are allowed to raise more money in their local levies
Why are we seeing teacher strikes across the state?

• This is all about tradeoffs
• Many school districts are struggling with the tradeoffs
• School districts started with different amounts of money. And *McCleary* has given out different amounts of money
• The pots of money are fixed sizes. No more money will be found
What you can do

• Local decisions will be made

• Ask your school board members:
  – Is the budget sustainable without making cuts?
  – If cuts are needed, is there a public process?
  – Is there a way that I can give feedback? Survey? Committee?

• Ask your legislators – How we can:
  – Fix the inequities in the levy caps
  – Advocate for funding based on student need
QUESTIONS?