

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?

