

# Our Impact

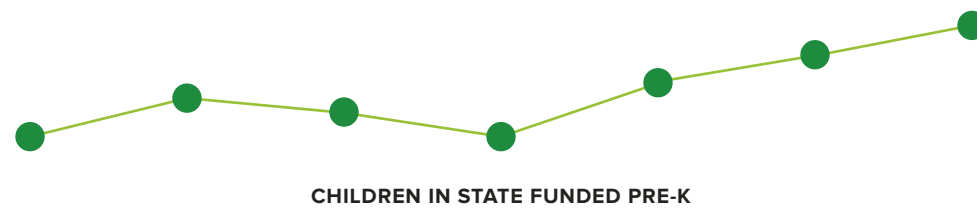
## Founding

**2001:** League of Education Voters Founded

## Early Childhood Education

**2013:** League of Education Voters helped pass House Bill 1723, which expanded the state Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP) and the use of the Washington Inventory of Kindergarten Readiness (WAKids) for 14,500 low-income children to attend high-quality preschool.

**2015:** League of Education Voters helped pass the Early Start Act (House Bill 1491), which increased access to high-quality ECEAP early learning for 1,600 children and dramatically increased the quality and viability of our childcare system.



**2018+:** League of Education Voters work at South Shore PreK-8 led to Seattle’s citywide preschool program.

**2019:** League of Education Voters successfully advocated with Early Learning Action Alliance partners for 1,171 spots in the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and a 6% state reimbursement rate increase for childcare providers.

**2021:** League of Education Voters successfully advocated with Early Learning Action Alliance partners to pass the landmark Fair Start for Kids Act (Senate Bill 5237), which significantly increases access to essential early learning programs like Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) and the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), strengthens child care programs by expanding access to support services, and grows recruitment and retention for child care businesses.

#1491  
**1,600**  
CHILDREN

**1,171**  
SPOTS

IN THE EARLY  
CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION  
& ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM

**1,820**

2019-2020  
SEATTLE PRE-K  
ENROLLMENT

## K-12 Funding

**2000:** Founders of League of Education Voters work to pass Initiative 728, which brings nearly \$500 per pupil into every school across Washington state.

**2007:** League of Education Voters helped pass House Joint Resolution 4204, an initiative that amended the state constitution to allow a simple majority of voters to authorize local school district levies. More than \$12 billion in local school district funding would not have passed as of June 2021 without this bill. This includes maintenance and operations, transportation, and capital (predominately tech) levies.

**2009:** League of Education Voters led the advocacy to pass House Bills 2261 and 2776, which defined basic education. These are the laws on which the Washington Supreme Court’s *McCleary* education funding decision was based.

#728  
**\$500**  
PER PUPIL

#4204  
**\$12+**  
BILLION

## K-12 Funding

**2010:** League of Education Voters was the lead plaintiff in the successful effort to overturn Initiative 1053, the initiative requiring two-thirds legislative approval to raise revenue or close tax loopholes.

**2017:** League of Education Voters led advocacy efforts through the Campaign for Student Success to drive \$8.3 billion of state money into our education system to address the Washington Supreme Court’s 2012 *McCleary* ruling.

**2019:** League of Education Voters successfully advocated with Investing in Student Potential coalition partners for a state budget increase of \$63 million annually for special education in 2019-2021.

#1053  
**2/3**  
OVERTURNED

**\$63M**  
FOR  
SPECIAL  
ED

## Student Supports

**2012:** League of Education Voters was the key driver in passing Initiative 1240, which created Washington’s charter public school system.

**2016:** League of Education Voters worked with the Senate Education Chair to help pass the Opportunity Gap Bill (House Bill 1541), in which students will no longer be suspended or expelled for discretionary offenses, and better statewide data on student demographics will ensure that the system is working to keep all students on track and in school.

**2016:** League of Education Voters helped pass Senate Bill 6194, which saved Washington’s charter public schools. The new charter public school law increases accountability while still allowing flexibility and innovation to address student needs.

**2019:** League of Education Voters 2019 successfully advocated with Investing in Student Potential coalition partners for a one-time special education investment of \$25 million in professional development for educators on inclusive practices.

**2020:** League of Education Voters work at South Shore PreK-8 led to Multi-Tiered System of Supports [MTSS] teams in every Seattle school.

### MTSS in Seattle Public Schools Year Six (2021–22) Highlights:

All 104 Seattle schools required to put Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) plans into their public-facing Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) documents based on increased performance in prior years.

**4,700**

ENROLLED IN  
CHARTER PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS

20 AUTHORIZED  
CHARTER SCHOOLS

18 OPERATING  
CHARTER SCHOOLS

2 TO OPEN FALL  
OF 2022

**50**

SCHOOLS NOW USING  
THE RULER SEL  
CURRICULUM IN  
SEATTLE, FIRST  
ADOPTED AT  
SOUTH SHORE

## Post-Secondary

**2007:** League of Education Voters helped pass and protect the College Bound Scholarship to provide state financial aid to low-income students who may not consider college a possibility due to the cost.

**2014:** League of Education Voters helped pass the REAL Hope Act (Senate Bill 6523, our state’s version of the Dream Act), allowing qualified undocumented students to apply for federal student aid and participate in the State Need Grant. An additional \$5 million was apportioned for 2014-2015 to serve newly eligible Dreamers.

**2019:** League of Education Voters worked with partners to help pass the Workforce Education Investment Act (House Bill 2158), which fully funds the State Need Grant, now renamed the Washington College Grant, in the 2020-2021 school year — meaning that every eligible student will have access to the funding they need to access postsecondary opportunities.

#6523  
**REAL**  
HOPE ACT

#2158  
**WASH.**  
COLLEGE  
GRANT