

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 and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and the use of the Washington Inventory of Kindergarten Readiness (WAKids) so that 14,500 more low-income children could 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.

HB 1491
1,600 CHILDREN
SERVED THROUGH EXPANDED ECEAP ACCESS

2015+
League of Education Voters work at South Shore PreK-8 led to Seattle’s citywide preschool program, which has prepared more than 6,300 children for kindergarten since 2015.

6,300 CHILDREN
TO BE SERVED EACH YEAR THROUGH EXPANDED SEATTLE PRE-K CAPACITY

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

1,171 ECEAP SLOTS
ADDED TO THE PROGRAM IN 2019

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.

15,800 ECEAP SLOTS
TOTAL ECEAP SLOTS FUNDED FOR THE 2022–23 SCHOOL YEAR

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.

I-728
\$500 PER PUPIL

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 \$14 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.

HJR 4204
\$14 BILLION

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.

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.

I-1053
2/3 APPROVAL

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.

2019–2024
League of Education Voters successfully advocated with Investing in Student Potential coalition partners to increase the special education funded enrollment cap leading to an increase of the cap from 13.5% to 16% in that time.

2023
League of Education Voters successfully advocated with Investing in Student Potential coalition partners for a state budget increase of over \$180 million annually for special education in 2023-2025.

\$180M FOR SPECIAL ED

2025
League of Education Voters successfully advocated with Investing in Student Potential coalition partners for an increase of over \$150 million per year to support the special education needs of students, including the elimination of the special education funded enrollment cap.

\$150M 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.

4,000+ ENROLLED
IN CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

>2x
EMPLOYMENT OF BIPOC TEACHERS IN CHARTER SCHOOLS

15
OPERATING CHARTER SCHOOLS

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

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.

SB 6194
CHARTER SCHOOLS
SAVED CHARTER SCHOOLS

2019
League of Education Voters 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.

\$25M FOR PD

2019–2024
League of Education Voters successfully advocated with Investing in Student Potential coalition partners to support the creation and sustained funding for the Inclusive Practices Technical Assistance Network (IPTN) to provide professional development and technical assistance support for schools and educators to support inclusive practices

2022
League of Education Voters and partners helped pass House Bill 1664, which added \$90 million in funding for staff who support the physical, social, and emotional health of students, like counselors, nurses, social workers, and more.

HB 1664
\$90M FOR STAFF
FUNDING FOR SUPPORT STAFF

2024
League of Education Voters and partners helped pass House Bill 1541, the Nothing About Us Without Us Act, which ensures representation of underrepresented populations who have direct lived experience with issues being explored on state workgroups, councils, task forces, etc.

HB 1541
REPRESENTATION
NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US ACT

2025
League of Education Voters successfully advocated for \$4 million in continued state budget funding for the Reducing Restraint & Eliminating Isolation (RREI) Project. This initiative supports demonstration and pilot schools that implement best practices that reduce the use of restraint and eliminate isolation in classrooms.

2026
In partnership with CEIRR members, League of Education Voters passed House Bill 1795 to prohibit mechanical and chemical restraints and prevent the construction of future isolation rooms in K–12 schools. This represents an important step toward the longer-term goals of ending the use of isolation and significantly reducing the use of restraint.

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.

SB 6523
REAL HOPE ACT
OUR STATES VERSION OF THE DREAM ACT

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

HB 2158
FULLY FUNDED STATE NEED GRANT
WASHINGTON COLLEGE GRANT

There’s more impact to come, thanks to your continued support!