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Salary Equity

Both houses of the Legislature are continuing the funding for certificated instruction salaries in order to close the gap between the majority of the districts in the state and the grandfathered districts. The base for certificated instructional salaries in 2008-09 includes 3.9% increase for cost of living and an additional .7% increase for districts that are not currently grandfathered. At the conclusion of 2008-09 fiscal year, the remaining grandfathered districts will be 13 with the House figures and 12 with the Senate figures. The House budget also includes an additional 1% increase for cost of living above the amount required by I-732.

Administrative and classified positions in all districts will be funded at a minimum level. The equalization for administrative and classified allocations varies from district to district and is slightly different in the two budgets. Administrative staff salaries minimum for 2008-09 is \$58,264 in the House and \$57,709 in the Senate. The minimum level for classified salaries in the House budget is \$32,018 and \$31,713 in the Senate for 2008-09. District's funding will increase by 3.9% or to the minimum level, which ever is higher.

The Senate also proposes increasing the classified staffing ratio to 58 positions per 1,000 students from 59 positions.



Legislative Wrap-up

Both the House and the Senate have passed budgets and now the two will meet in conference committee to work out compromises and settle on a final budget. The session is expected to end on time on March 13th.

There is a K-20 scheduled to present a summary of the final operating and capital budgets as well as legislation that will impact school districts.

**Mark your calendar for:
March 19th
1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
ESD 123—Whitman Room**



All ESDs are videoconference sites.

Budget Hearing

Approval of budgets and budget extensions requires a public hearing to be held as described in RCW 28A.505. Every school district shall publish a notice stating the board of directors will meet for this purpose. This notice shall be published at least once every week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the district. The last notice shall be published no later than seven days immediately prior to the hearing.

REMINDER

I-728 public hearing needs to be held by **May 1st**.

Cost of Living Increase

The I-732 cost-of-living increase is based on the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton annual average consumer price index for the previous calendar year. This percentage is updated bimonthly, and the current average for last year is 3.9%.

All three staff funding categories were increased during the legislative session. As prescribed by Initiative 732, certificated instructional staff salaries were increased by 3.9% and this same increase was passed on to administrative and classified salary funding categories.

Funding Tools

Funding information and budget preparation tools for 2008-09 can be found at OSPI's website www.k12.wa.us/SAFS/08budprp.asp, including the John Jenft rate sheet.

Districts are encouraged to calculate their K-4 and K-12 ratios, and review the funded number of LID days for the 2007-2008 school year to ensure funding is maximized.

*If you would like assistance in reviewing this information please contact
Michelle Ewell or Russ Whiteaker.*

Upcoming Deadlines and Important Dates

Date	Title	Form #
March	10 Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
	10 Enrollment counts due to ESD	P223, P223S,P240
	11 Levy Election	
	14 Truancy Petition Filing- preliminary	1302C
	19 Grant expenditures due to OSPI-electronic submission	1000E
	24 Apportionment report available	
	26 Safety Net Oversight Committee meeting (2 day meeting)	
	28 Filing deadline for May 20th levy	
April	10 Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
	10 Enrollment counts due to ESD	P223, P223S, P240
	15 Truancy Petition Filing- preliminary	1302C
	18 Safety Net application due to OSPI	1381
	18 Grant expenditures due to OSPI-electronic submission	1000E
	22 Levy Election	
	23 Apportionment report available	
May	1 I-728 public hearing deadline	
	9 Enrollment counts due to ESD	P223, P223S, P240
	9 Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
	15 Non-renewal of contract notice to certificated staff deadline	
	16 Truancy Petition Filing- final	1302D
	20 Levy Election	
	20 Grant expenditures due to OSPI-electronic submission	1000E
	23 Apportionment report available	
	27 Filing deadline for August 19th levy	
28 Safety Net Oversight Committee meeting (2 day meeting)		

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