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## About AWSP

*The Association of Washington School Principals is a professional association serving principals, assistant principals and principals in training. Formed in 1972, the association now includes more than 3,400 members from public and private elementary, middle and high schools statewide.*



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# Legislative Platform

## Paramount Priority: Basic Education Funding

AWSP's priority is to fully, sustainably, and equitably fund basic education, including unfunded/underfunded mandates, by 2018.

### Principal Leadership, Development, and Collaboration

**Teacher/Principal Evaluation Project.** Fully fund the additional training and staffing needed to implement the state-mandated evaluation system for teachers and principals.

**Professional Learning.** Restore professional learning days and allow flexibility to support ongoing, continuous professional development and collaboration for principals and teachers to implement TPEP, Common Core State Standards (CCSS), Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

**Washington State Leadership Intern Program.** Restore funding to \$750,000 per year to prepare quality principal leaders.

**Washington State Leadership Academy.** Restore funding to \$1 million per year to develop and strengthen the quality of principal and district leaders.

**Evaluating the Role of the Principal.** Commission a study to evaluate the role and expectations of principals in light of current and changing responsibilities.

### Student Growth and Achievement

#### State and Federal Testing:

- **Technology.** Fund the increased level of technology (computers/software/infrastructure) to equitably support state and federally mandated tests.
- **Staff.** Fund additional staffing for required testing.

**Increase Student Support.** Fully fund intervention and supports needed, including, but not limited to, mental health counseling, drug and alcohol counseling, and academic counseling.

**At-Risk Students.** Fund support for communities to help students in crisis.

**Statewide Data System.** Fund the improvement of the software used in the statewide data system so that schools can more easily identify opportunity gaps.

**STEM and Outdoor Education.** Complete the Burley Mountain Dormitory at Cispus Learning Center to provide critical access to educators to increase their skill levels in STEM and outdoor education instruction.

