

2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



ISSUES FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

K-12 Funding Task Force

TPS supports full funding for K-12 basic education, including:

- Reasonable staff compensation based on statutory demands for all aspects of basic education;
- Updated MSOC and transportation funding allocations;
- Maintenance of local levy authorization for non-basic education programs;
- Transitional levy funding stability in order to maintain basic education programs assumed by the state under McCleary (hold harmless).

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

- Supplemental MSOC funding for CTE (it was not increased with other MSOC funding);
- New biennial MSOC funding for CTE programs;
- CTE educational credits to be recognized as part of 24 credit graduation requirements.

Capital Budget

- Enhanced school formula funding.
- Support legislation authorizing simple majority vote for passing school bonds.

Extended Day/Extended Year

- TPS engages in modified school scheduling to meet needs of students;
- Local levies pay for all extended days;
- Legislature should establish a fund to pay for extended days/extended school years that lead to increased graduation rates. (i.e. LAP funding)
- Extended days for professional development support.

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