



## THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

*A high-quality education system that prepares all students for college, career, and life.*

### State Board of Education Statement on 2018 Legislative Session

Today, Board Chair Kevin Laverty released the following statement regarding the conclusion of a productive legislative session and passage of a supplemental operating budget:

*“The State Board of Education (SBE) is pleased with the significant additional investments the Legislature made for K-12 education this session. These include increasing special education funding and adding an additional \$776 million to comply with the McCleary order by the date required by the Supreme Court.*

*Additional actions by the Legislature for K-12 education the Board would like to highlight include:*

- *Passage of a capital budget*
- *Passage of [HB 1600](#), to promote work-integrated learning experiences for students*
- *Passage of [SHB 2686](#), to strengthen the High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP), for students to plan their pathway post high-school graduation*
- *Passage of [HB 1377](#) and [ESHB 2779](#), to improve mental health services and student access to them*
- *Passage of [2ESHB 1508](#) and [ESHB 2610](#), to promote student health and readiness through meal and nutrition programs*
- *Passage of [SHB 2824](#), to exchange and align specific powers, duties, and functions of the OSPI and the SBE*
- *Providing additional funding for Next Generation Science Standards professional development for educators*

*The Board will continue to advocate for legislation that closes opportunity and achievement gaps, provides funding for both social emotional and trauma-informed teaching and learning, and provides support for challenged schools. SBE thanks legislators for their work this session, and looks forward to continuing to partner with the Legislature in the future.”*

About the State Board of Education: The State Board of Education provides advocacy and strategic oversight of public education. The Board comprises 16 members: five are elected by school board directors, seven are appointed by the Governor, two serve as student representatives, and one serves as a private school representative. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is also a member. For more information on the State Board of Education: [www.sbe.wa.gov](http://www.sbe.wa.gov)