

**SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2010 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**



**Seattle Public Schools Legislative Priorities for the 2010 Session:**

**1. Operating Fund Funding—Provide sufficient funding to enable school districts to provide a high quality education for all students:**

- ❖ Work to identify a sustainable funding source to replace the one-time federal stimulus dollars that were used to reduce the impact of state cuts to K-12 in the 2009-2011 biennium
- ❖ Work to identify new revenue sources or new funding streams to fund the adopted elements of ESHB 2261
- ❖ Eliminate the sunset clause to permit districts to retain the full allocation for both I-728 and I-732 in the levy base calculations

**2. Capital Fund Funding—Ensure districts can provide the facilities necessary for 21<sup>st</sup> century education and community participation:**

- ❖ Align state area cost allocations/square footage allocations and matching ratios to reflect the true cost and size of 21<sup>st</sup> century schools
- ❖ Provide further “community schools” funding to assist school districts and community organizations to keep closed school facilities for community use
- ❖ Ensure that funding is identified and allocated for the proposed Board of Health school environmental health and safety rules
- ❖ Provide additional capital funding to allow districts to reopen closed facilities rapidly to address areas where enrollment is growing faster than the levy schedule can accommodate

**3. Additional Legislative Agenda Items for the Session:**

- ❖ Providing \$621,000 in pre-design costs, (including hiring architects and planners to identify appropriate facility modifications, and providing for research on curriculum, staffing, logistics, and equipment/supplies) to enable Seattle Public Schools to develop the first one-district, distributed model skills center to begin in fall 2010