

# Washington's Paramount Duty Candidate Questionnaire - 2018

Washington's Paramount Duty is a group of parents, teachers, and community members who fight to ensure our state's public schools are fully and equitably funded. We are asking all candidates for the state legislature in 2018, regardless of party, to respond to the following questionnaire. These responses will be made public and shared with our more than 7,000 members across the state.

There are 12 short questions below. You must give an answer for the questions themselves, and following each question is space for you to expand on your yes/no/maybe answers should you wish to do so. We will publish those additional comments along with your answers to the questions themselves.

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Candidate Name

1) Do you believe our public schools are amply funded right now, as is required by the state constitution? \*

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (explain below)

### (Additional comments for question 1)

What needs to be done is take the money being given to the administration salaries per the LEAP report which is exorbitant and provide a better structure for teachers salaries.

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2) Will you vote for new, progressive revenues to sustainably fund our public schools? \*

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (explain below)

### (Additional comments for question 2)

What does that mean by progressive revenues? More taxation?

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3) Will you vote for these specific revenues? \*

- Capital gains tax
- Closing corporate tax loopholes
- Other:  
No more taxation is necessary cut absolute or unnecessary state expenditures, consolidate state agencies to save money.
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### (Additional comments for question 3)

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4) Will you vote to prevent \$1.1 billion in school cuts caused by the January 1, 2019 levy cliff? \*

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (explain below)

(Additional comments for question 4)

I think your figures are over bloated

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5) Will you vote to change the 2017 education funding deal (HB 2242) and add more funding to eliminate inequities between districts as well as ensure districts have the money they actually need to give every child a great education? \*

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (explain below)

(Additional comments for question 5)

Each district should be given enough funding for their district to give the children the same opportunities as wealthier districts.

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6) Will you vote to fully implement Initiative 1351, which creates smaller class sizes and increases in counselors, nurses, teaching assistants, librarians, and social workers, and in particular, with additional class-size reductions and staffing increases in high-poverty schools? More info:

<http://leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/OPRGeneral/Documents/2014/I-1351Summary.pdf> \*

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (explain below)

(Additional comments for question 6)

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7) An OSPI survey of school districts found state funding for special education remains more than \$100 million short after the 2018 legislative session. Will you vote to fully fund special education? \*

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (explain below)

(Additional comments for question 7)

Your figures are bloated, the Seattle Times article said the need was for \$30 million.

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8) Would you support financial incentives to reduce school segregation (racial and economic)? \*

- Yes (explain below what incentives you would support)
- No
- Maybe (explain below)

(Additional comments for question 8)

I would support school choice for parents to allow their children to attend other schools outside of their district and charter schools

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9) Do you support a simple majority for school bonds and school levies? \*

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (explain below)

(Additional comments for question 9)

We need a super majority for more taxation

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10) Do you support school vouchers or other programs that allow public funding to follow a student to a private and/or charter school? \*

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (explain below)

(Additional comments for question 10)

Education should not be limited or one size fits all for children. This could foster more competition to make public schools better.

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11) Will you vote against giving public money to charter schools or programs housed within charter schools? \*

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (explain below)

(Additional comments for question 11)

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12) Will you vote to raise the cap on allowable charter schools? \*

- Yes
- No
- Maybe (explain below)

(Additional comments for question 12)

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Anything else you want to add about fully funding public education in Washington State?

I would consider having classroom schedules go to a 4 day week adding additional time to the daily classroom schedule and possibly extend the school year to accommodate for the time.

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Thank you for filling out this questionnaire! Washington's Paramount Duty will let you know when we will be publishing these responses. Questions? Please email us at [info@paramountduty.org](mailto:info@paramountduty.org).

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