

# 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)

As stated by our State Supreme Court

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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)

If you mean a state income tax, the answer is No State Income tax

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

- Capital gains tax
- Closing corporate tax loopholes
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## (Additional comments for question 3)

All loopholes should expire within five years after being enacted and required to be re evaluated. The first vote I took was for Governor Inslee's "Emergency Special session" to extend the Boeing Aerospace tax preference from 2024 to 2040.

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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 will have to read what is proposed.

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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)

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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)

Special education needs more money

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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)

Why do we have racial segregation in our progressive cities?

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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)

I support the House Bill I cosponsored with Mia Gregerson in 2015 which lowers to 50% when requested during the November General election.

<https://www.thenewstribune.com/news/politics-government/article26255221.html>

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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)

I support Charter Schools

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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 have been an advocate for public schools, sent all of my 4 children to public school, 3 of my 4 children are school teachers, all my age attained grandchildren are in public schools, I served for 7 years on a school board. I serve as assistant ranking on the House Education Committee. I am honored to be endorsed by the Washington State School Retirees Association (WSSRRA) and the Public Schools Employee of Washington Union (SEIU Local 1948).

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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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