

Coalition to Protect our Public Schools

**Broken Promises, Shell Games
& Poison Pills...**

**Why the Levy Swipe Scam
will REDUCE School Funding
in Washington State!**



School Funding Presentation

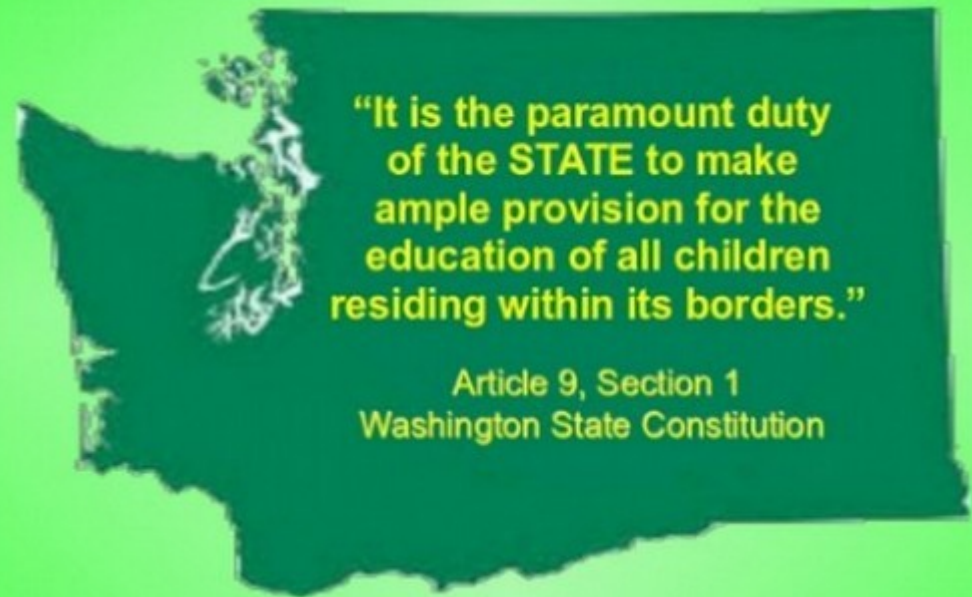
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<https://coalitiontoprotectourpublicschools.org/>

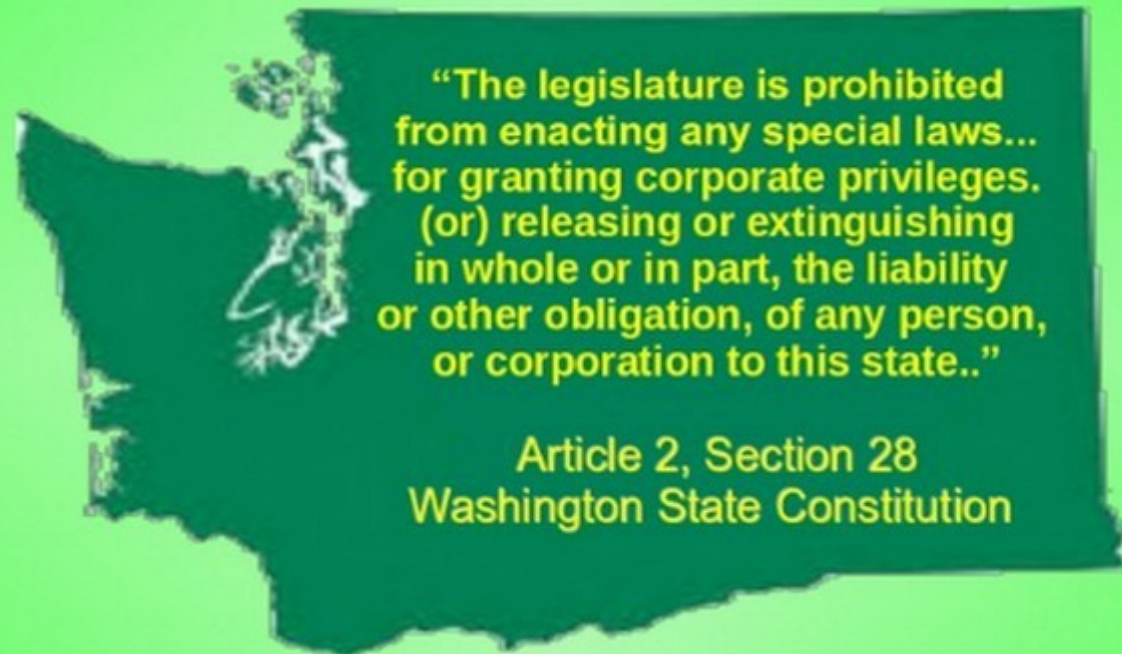
In 1889, the 75 drafters of the Washington State Constitution approved the provision making the AMPLE funding of our Public Schools the Paramount Duty of the State. The vote was 73 to 2 in favor.

*Washington has
the strongest
Constitutional Provision
For School Funding
Of any state
in the nation.....*



To protect against the possibility of a corrupt legislature, they also provided for a Supreme Court elected directly by the people...

To insure that our Schools were amply funded, They also added a Provision Prohibiting tax breaks To any person Or corporation.

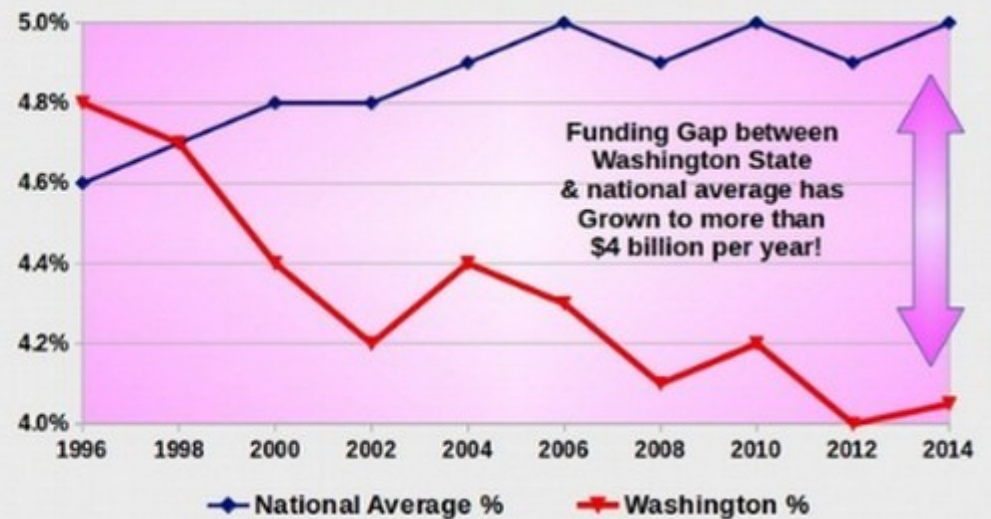


Sadly, for the past 20 years,
our state legislature has ignored
both their Paramount Duty to fund our schools
and the Constitutional prohibition against
special tax breaks for the rich.

*As a result, during
the past 20 years
School funding
in our State
has fallen to near the
Lowest in the nation*

20 Years of Plunging School Funding

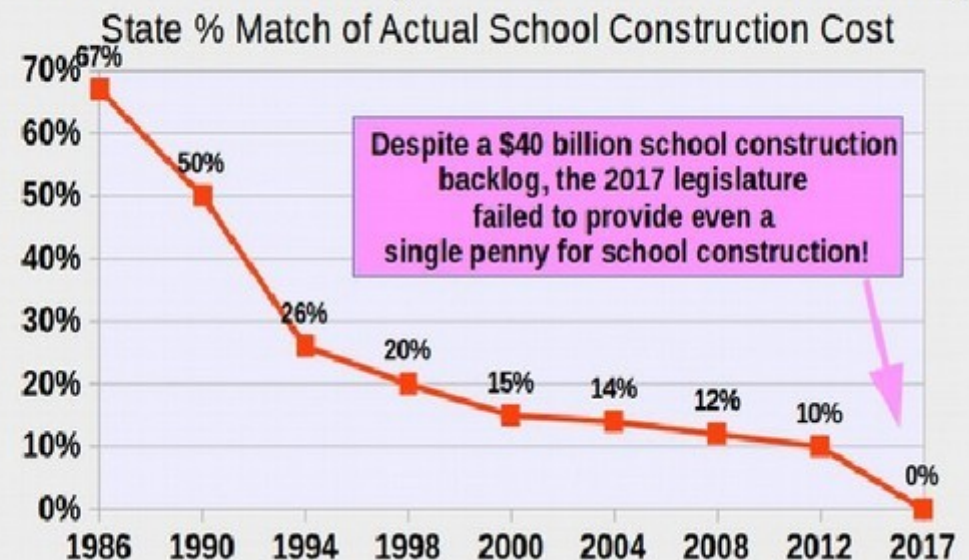
Washington State Public School Funding as a % of Income
US Census Bureau Public Education Finances Table 12



Half of our schools – more than 1,000 schools – do not meet either the earthquake codes or health codes – resulting in a \$40 billion school construction & repair backlog.

State support for School construction funding Has also fallen to the lowest in the nation - with half of our schools Not even meeting Basic Health Standards!

30 Years of Declining School Construction Funding



Meanwhile, the legislature has passed more than 700 (illegal) tax breaks for the rich. They now give away more than \$30 billion per year in tax breaks for the rich.

*Where did the money go?
It was diverted in to
Billions of dollars in
Tax Breaks for the Rich!*

20 Years of Out of Control Corporate Tax Breaks Compared to School Funding

Annual \$ Billions per WA ST DOR Tax Exemption Reports



*It's simple math:
We cannot give away
Billions of dollars in
Tax Breaks for the Rich
& still have enough left
To fund our schools.*

Washington State Legislature...
Billions for Billionaires... Peanuts for Public Schools!



In 2007, a group of school funding advocates called the NEWS Coalition sued the State for failing to meet their Paramount Duty To Amply fund our schools.

In 2009, a King County judge agreed.
He ordered the State to first determine
the actual cost of fully funding schools -
and then to provide ample funds to cover this cost.

*In response,
in 2009,
The legislature
Passed HB 2261
Describing the
Average school -
and promising to
Pay for it by 2018.*



**"Please vote for me
One more time...
I will find a way
To fund public schools
Next year...
I pinky promise!"**

In June 2012, a report was issued calculating that the additional cost to keep the promises made in House Bill 2261 was **\$6.6 billion per year (about \$7 billion today).**



In September 2014, the Washington State Supreme Court Held the legislature in "Contempt of Court" For failing to fully Fund our public schools. They gave the legislature Until the end of the 2015 Legislative session To come up with a Plan to fully fund Public schools.

**In 2017, the legislature
abandoned House Bill 2261
& broke their \$7 billion per year promise.**

*Instead, in 2017,
the legislature passed
The “Levy Swipe” bill
That robs local schools
Of more than
\$1.3 billion per year!*



**The legislature falsely claimed that
the Levy Swipe would provide \$8 billion
in additional school funding.
Instead, after 2018, school funding will drop!**

Understanding the Levy Swipe effect on school funding



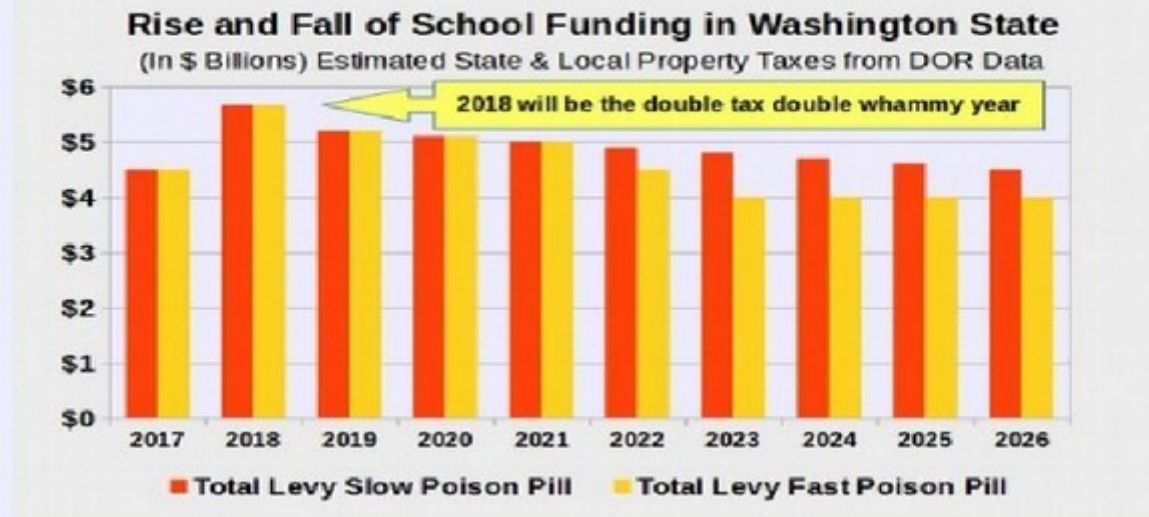
**The State uses “double taxation” in 2018
to increase Property Taxes by
\$1.1 billion per year...**

**But then cuts Local School Funding
By \$1.3 billion per year in 2020.**

**The NET LOSS is \$200 million per year
And gets even worse over time!**

**School funding will drop due to
Two Poison Pills inserted into the Levy Swipe bill.
These poison pills are described in detail
in our free report.**

School funding will rise in 2018, but then fall every year after:



So how do we solve the School Funding problem in Washington state?

Problem Solving 101...

Determine
and fix
the Actual Cause
of the Problem.

Empty promises of corrupt politicians
Won't keep our schools afloat



If no one is fixing the leaking holes
In the bottom of the boat!

**If we repealed all 700 illegal tax breaks,
would could double school funding,
build hundreds of schools and
cut class sizes in half.**

**A REAL School Funding
Plan would lower
class sizes
so struggling students
could get the help
they need!**



**If every parent and every teacher
better understood this problem and solution,
the legislature would be forced to repeal
these illegal tax breaks.**

READ & SHARE OUR FREE REPORT:

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Join our Coalition to Protect our Public Schools!



**TOGETHER
WE CAN RESTORE
SCHOOL FUNDING!**

Community Leaders:

Organize a coalition branch in your community!



Parents:

Join the Coalition to Protect our Public Schools & your local PTA & your local political party...
Make your voice heard!



Union members:

Urge your union to protect our public schools



Legislators:

Just say no to billionaire bribes!



Teachers:

Help us oppose endless high stakes testing

Share this presentation with your local PTA...
Our kids are counting on us to restore school funding!

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