



## OSPI Update May 2019

### **Expedited Waivers for Assessment Graduation Requirements Extended for Class of 2019**

With the passage of [House Bill \(HB\) 1599](#), on May 7, students in the Class of 2019 may be eligible to have their assessment graduation requirements (English language arts [ELA], math, or both) waived. HB 1599 transforms the assessment expectations for graduation and how students can approach fulfilling requirements for earning a diploma. OSPI [Bulletin No. 025–19](#) is focused on how HB 1599 impacts the Class of 2019, specifically the extension of the expedited appeal process (also known as the “waiver”) that was first introduced in the fall of 2017. For guidance on the expedited waivers for assessment graduation requirements for the Class of 2019, please see OSPI [Bulletin No. 025–19](#) and the [Graduation Alternatives](#) webpage.

For questions regarding the expedited waivers process, please contact Deb Came, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment and Student Information, at 360-725-6336 or email [deb.came@k12.wa.us](mailto:deb.came@k12.wa.us).

### **2020 Teacher of the Year Award Ceremonies and Annual Governor’s Reception**

All ESD superintendents and leaders are invited to join us for these annual celebrations of accomplished educators. RSVP information is sent via email and hard copy 4–6 weeks before the events.

#### 2020 Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony

Monday, September 9, 2019 | 1:30 pm  
Seattle | EMP Museum

#### Annual Governor’s Reception

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 | 5:30 pm

All ESD superintendents are invited to attend this annual reception at the Executive Residence in Olympia in support of the award-winning educators from their regions.

Contact Hilary Seidel, Teacher Awards Coordinator, at [hilary.seidel@k12.wa.us](mailto:hilary.seidel@k12.wa.us) if you have questions about educator awards.

## Post-Legislative Session Update from Superintendent Reykdal

### Key investments and policy changes

- Increasing special education funding by \$155 million over the biennium:
  - \$130 million will be provided in direct supports to students receiving special education services. Some will be direct in the multiplier increase, the remaining funds will come in the form of more students eligible for safety net funding.
  - \$25 million will be provided for professional development on the inclusion of students with disabilities in general education classrooms.
- Increasing local levy authority for many districts from \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$2.50/\$1,000 **or** \$ 2,500 per student. There is a great deal of detail to this that awaits reconciliation with Legislative fiscal staff.
- Funding for regional school safety coordinators at each ESD (2SHB 1216).
- Expanding pathways for students to demonstrate readiness to graduate and extending the graduation waiver for the classes of 2019 and 2020.
- Providing support for the startup, expansion, and maintenance of programs in maritime, construction, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing.
- Expanding CTE course equivalencies (2SHB 1424).

### Budget information

If you would like more information about the budgets, please see the LEAP (Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program) website:

- [Operating Budget](#)
- [Capital Budget](#)

### **Levy Side-by-Side Conference Budget**

|  | <b><u>Old Law</u></b><br><b><u>EHB 2242</u></b>   | <b><u>New Law</u></b><br><b><u>ESSB 5313</u></b>  |
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| <u>Levy Authority</u>                                  | Lesser of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation or \$2,500 per pupil.                    | Lesser of <b>\$2.50</b> per \$1,000 of assessed valuation or \$2,500 per pupil or \$3,000 per pupil if enrollment > 40,000.         |
| <u>Local Effort Assistance (LEA) Eligible District</u> | Any district whose maximum allowable enrichment levy generates less than \$1,500 per pupil. | Any district where the amount generated by a \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation generates less than <b>\$1,550</b> per pupil. |

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| <u>LEA Payments</u>   | Per pupil LEA equals \$1,500 per pupil less the actual per pupil rate of the maximum allowable enrichment levy. The per pupil LEA times district enrollment equals total LEA.  | Per pupil LEA equals <b>\$1,550</b> per pupil less the per pupil levy generated by a \$1.50 per \$1,000 levy. The per pupil LEA times district enrollment equals total LEA.   |
| <u>How do districts qualify for maximum LEA?</u>                          | District must run at least \$1.50 per \$1,000 levy.  | District must run at least \$1.50 per \$1,000 levy.   |
| <u>Does LEA decrease if a district's levy exceeds \$1.50 per \$1,000?</u> | No. Districts LEA is calculated based on per pupil levy generated by \$1.50 per \$1,000 levy rate. Eligible districts receive maximum LEA if they run a \$1.50 levy, and receive a prorated LEA if their levy is less. Districts are not allowed to collect a levy higher than \$1.50. | No. For eligible districts, LEA will be calculated based on the per pupil levy generated by a \$1.50 per \$1,000 levy rate even if a district runs a levy at a higher level. There is no increase or reduction of LEA if a district exceeds \$1.50 per \$1,000 levy.  |
| <u>Exceptions</u>   | N/A  | Seattle only district currently qualified to levy at \$3,000 per pupil.<br><br>Vancouver has a one time hold harmless local effort assistance threshold of \$1,796 for SY 2019-20 only.<br><br>Evergreen (Clark) has a one time hold harmless local effort assistance threshold of \$1,836 for SY 2019-20 only. |

**NOTE: All per pupil levy and LEA amounts are inflated by consumer price index of 2.8% beginning in CY 2020.**

For questions regarding the levy side-by-side conference budget, please contact Michelle Matakas, Director of School Apportionment and Financial Services, at 360-725-6300 or email [michelle.matakas@k12.wa.us](mailto:michelle.matakas@k12.wa.us).