



Funding schools: Phase II

Last spring we got the blueprint for a world-class system
Now we need to discuss revenue streams

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**Please join the
Seattle Council PTSA and Speaker of the House Frank Chopp
as we discuss the challenges and possibilities ahead**

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How do we fund the schools we need and still afford
our health and social programs?

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Thursday, Sept. 17,
6:45 - 8:30 p.m.

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42nd in spending: The way Washington funds schools hasn't been working – mainly because the state didn't have a handle on what students really need. For instance, it only funded 5 periods when kids need 6 to get into college. High school requirements didn't align with college and employer requirements. And while Seattle kids did well on the WASL – and many taking the SAT did great – five out of six grads didn't have the credits to get into college. In 2007, only **17 percent** of Seattle Public School graduates met university entrance requirements.

Money from the state **doesn't cover what communities expect** – and often falls short on transportation and overhead costs. Legislation passed last year promises to overhaul the way we fund schools – and to pay for the education kids really need. But the big debate over HOW to increase ed funding (take it from other areas or increase tax revenue) remains.

Do we need tax reform? More revenue? **What are the likely proposals?** What if new funding isn't secured?

Please join legislators, education leaders, parents and teachers as we discuss just what it'll take to pay for the schools we need – without hurting our investments in health and social programs.

We hope this will be the first in a series of conversations about **changing the way we think about what's "basic" in education.**



We're a coalition of all the PTAs and PTSAs the city.
We're 14,000 members strong – and we speak up for kids.