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Association of Educational Service Districts 2008 Legislative Agenda

At their October 3rd meeting the AESD Executive Board approved the legislative agenda for the upcoming 2008 Supplemental Session. The following five actions were named as priorities:

1. Core Funding – ESD Staff Allocation Formula: Develop and promote a budget request to define an adequately funded staff allocation formula for the FTE's allocated to the ESDs in the 2007 legislative session. The intent is to adequately fund existing allocations as was done for the math specialists.
2. Fiscal Technical Assistance: Develop and promote a plan for additional resources and an expanded role for ESDs to provide proactive fiscal assistance to school districts. This would define the capacity within core funding for provision of assistance to districts in maintaining strong fiscal positions.
3. Dropout Prevention / Intervention: Develop and promote a plan for a regional based system for dropout prevention and intervention operated by each ESD in collaboration with local school districts. A component of this proposal will address ESDs awarding high school graduation credits for dropout retrieval programs with the approval of the school districts within their region.
4. Capital Funding Study: Cause action to be taken to fund a study which would consider public funding for ESD facilities. This action follows comments in the Performance Audit.
5. Statutory Change Certification Fee: Seek change to RCW 28A.410.060 language to allow a portion of certification fees to cover expenses of operating ESD certification offices. The following proposed change was approved by the PESB at their meeting on November 7, 2007:

Such fees shall be used solely for the purpose of precertification professional preparation, program evaluation, professional in-service training programs, or provision of certification services by educational service districts in accord with rules of the Washington professional educator standards board herein authorized.