

# Washington Education Association

## 2017 Legislative Goal: Fully Fund Public Schools

Fully funding quality basic education for all children is Washington's *paramount duty*.

With the state's Sept. 1, 2018 school funding deadline looming, here is WEA's single legislative goal for the 2017 Washington Legislature:

### **Fully fund K-12 basic education as required by state law, the Supreme Court's McCleary decision and the Washington Constitution**

Fund smaller K-12 class sizes, additional support staff, and professional & competitive base salaries and benefits for all educators, including higher education employees. This includes protecting the right to invest in our local schools through local levies and opposing any restrictions on collectively bargaining educator compensation at the district level.

We believe local families and educators know what their students need to be successful and that they have a fundamental right to make decisions about their children and public schools.