



I-1351 – Smaller class sizes are on the way!

I-1351 is a victory for kids

- I-1351 is a victory for Washington's 1,000,000 K-12 public school students.
- I-1351 provides students with one-on-one attention from caring and qualified teachers and support staff.
- Washington voters have decided that our kids deserve class sizes that are better than 47th out of 50.

I-1351 provides smaller class sizes

- All students, regardless of family income, ZIP code or age, now have the opportunity to learn in smaller classes.
- Smaller classes will help struggling students get the attention they need to improve.
- Smaller classes will be especially helpful for students in courses like math and science where individual attention is critical for success.

I-1351 is flexible and phased in

- High-poverty schools will see the I-1351 improvements first. These schools serve students who need the most help to succeed.
- The initiative is phased in for all schools over four years, providing the Legislature time to find the means to reduce class sizes – and time for school districts to make it work locally.
- I-1351 provides the flexibility school districts need to meet their unique needs, including classroom capacity and special education issues.

I-1351 is the Legislature's responsibility

- Writing the state budget, including funding smaller class sizes, is the Legislature's responsibility; that's what we elect them to do.
- Along with the Supreme Court, now Washington voters fully expect the Legislature to invest in smaller class sizes for our students.
- The Legislature can fully fund the education our kids deserve, including smaller class sizes, while protecting the social and health services families rely on. For example, legislators could raise new revenue by closing ineffective tax loopholes for corporations and the wealthy.

I-1351 is part of the state's obligation to fully fund K-12 schools

- I-1351 and the Supreme Court's McCleary decision aren't separate – they're both part of the Legislature's responsibility to provide the education our kids deserve.
- Smaller class sizes are a fundamental part of basic education – and reducing class sizes is part of the state's McCleary obligation to fully fund K-12 public education.
- As long as kids are stuck in overcrowded classrooms, legislators can't claim they're fully funding public education as McCleary and the state Constitution require.

I-1351 is the LAW

- I-1351 is the law, and voters expect legislators to follow and fund it.
- Any legislator who votes to overturn or amend I-1351 is voting to increase class sizes for kids.
- Washington voters passed I-1351 by a wider margin than the charter school initiative.

I-1351 represents real commitment to kids

- Educators are committed advocates for Washington's public school students.
- By putting I-1351 on the ballot and getting it passed, parents, community leaders and educators took a stand for our students and won a historic, long-term victory for public schools.
- Along with hard work, it took hope, vision and courage to pass I-1351. As education professionals and union members, we can do great things for our kids – especially when we work together.