

March & Rally for Education Funding



Wear RED for public ed!

FAQs

Why are educators calling a one day strike and holding this march?

The Washington state legislature is in contempt of the State Supreme Court for failing to fund basic education in Washington. The legislature is also planning to ignore or overturn Initiative 1351, passed by voters to lower class sizes, which rank 47th in the nation.

Why a strike?

Parents and voters need to know that legislators are cutting deals right now that will leave our kids far behind. A strike is far from our first choice, but we can't allow the legislature to continue to fail our kids. We've tried just about everything else!

Why is another day being added to the school year?

State law requires that the school year be 180 days, regardless of snow, natural disasters, water main breaks, strikes, or closures of any kind. So, June 16th will be the new last day of school.

TUESDAY MAY 19

**Kids, parents, educators
and supporters all welcome!**

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM | Picket at Seattle high schools
(except Cleveland and Ingraham).

11:00 AM | Gather at Seattle Center:
Broad Street near the Space Needle.
*Car pool or take one of our buses from the
high schools.*

11:15 AM | March to Westlake Park.

12:00 noon to 1:00 PM | Rally at Westlake Park: 4th and Pine in
downtown Seattle.
Buses then go back to high schools.

Why are legislators getting such a big raise this year, but educators are getting almost nothing?

Good question – apparently their own salary committee carries more weight than the state Supreme Court and the majority of voters! While legislators enjoy an 11% raise, the state Senate plans to give us a 1.8% raise. And that's after six years of getting no raises at all from the state! They also plan to make us pay \$200 more per month for health care than other state employees, so we will all actually keep going backward.

What can we do to help?

After you join us on May 19, call the state legislative hotline at 1-800-562-6000 and tell them to fund education as they have been directed to by the courts and by voters!

