

Legislative Updates

- Special Ed
 - House Budget – Multiplier at .9925 – Funding increase of \$120,000
 - Senate Budget – Multiplier at 1.000 – Funding increase of \$140,000

- Levies
 - Legislature is far from having a resolution on question of levy policies
 - House proposes to change current levy lid from the lesser of \$2500/pupil or \$1.50/\$1000 AV to: (a) 20% of district's state & federal base in prior year; or (b) lesser of \$3000/pupil or \$1.50/\$1000 AV.
 - Estimated reduction of \$350,000 in levy collections changes to an estimated increase of \$200,000.
 - Senate proposes to change current levy lid for districts with over 40,000 FTE only. Amendments were attached that provide limits on supplemental contracts for teachers and require OSPI to distribute funding to charter schools based on the local levy collected by districts.

- SEBB
 - Growing legislative concerns that the program will be too costly for the state and local school districts.
 - Options being discussed
 - Increasing eligibility threshold above 630 hours
 - Rejecting SEBB Tentative Agreement & ramping up funding for school employees
 - Rejecting the SEBB agreement and rolling school employees into the current Public Employees' Benefits Board insurance program.
 - Health Care Authority (HCA) projected SEBB costs at \$750 million; the House budgeted \$650.7 million
 - HCA projected funding rate of \$1,114 for FY 20 & \$1,127 for FY 21
 - House proposed \$1,081 for FY 20 & \$1,110 for 21
 - Senate proposed \$994 for 20 & \$1,056 for 21