

## **Seattle Council PTSA**

### **2014-15 Advocacy and Legislative Priorities**

*Endorsed by the SCPTSA Board on 9/29/2014 and the general membership on 10/20/2014*

Whereas the Seattle Council of Parent Teacher and Student Associations (SCPTSA) advocates for Seattle's children's education and wellbeing, the SCPTSA has prioritized the following 5 issues for the 2014-15 school year:

1. Ample funding of K-12 basic education per the McCleary decision; with increases in revenue orchestrated in a progressive, equitable, and sustainable manner.
2. School capacity planning, building maintenance, and capital funding solutions to reduce overcrowding and reliance upon portables, and provide stability, with sufficient and appropriate permanent education environments for K-12 students, both in the present and long term.
3. Safe environments for all children, staff, and teachers, both at school and during school sponsored activities off school grounds, including appropriate supervision, safe walk zones, safe transportation, and reasonable school start times that support healthy sleep.
4. Improved family engagement initiatives and processes that increase the authentic collaboration of parents, teachers, and students with education policy makers, Seattle Public Schools staff, and elected officials.
5. Initiatives and policies that provide all children with equitable access to all facets of a quality education, while giving special attention to our most vulnerable and underserved children.