

Dear Senator _____, Representative _____, Representative _____, Representative Ormsby, Senator Rolfes, Senator Wilson, and Senator Frockt,

I am a constituent in the 36th Legislative District, and I am writing to ask that you address enrollment stabilization for schools in the budget. Seattle Public Schools is anticipating that Ballard High School will have an enrollment decline that will result in us losing 6 teachers. This means when my child returns to school in the fall, not only will my child's school look different, not only will routines be different, but also familiar faces will be absent. Enrollment stabilization from the state will be critical for making sure that our schools provide as much consistency as possible for our children.

Seattle Public Schools used all of their federal ESSR1 funding by October 2020. Federal ESSR2 funding is supposed to address learning loss, but schools won't be able to use it for that if they need to use that funding to backfill transportation and enrollment stabilization costs. I am asking you to provide sufficient stabilization so that our schools can use their ESSR2 funding to address learning loss, provide social and emotional supports, address the cost of PPE, and provide nurses for schools.

We have students who have lost loved ones to COVID, who have not had access to the Special Education supports they needed, who couldn't access remote learning through the computer, and so much more. We're seeing significant variation in student experience and learning during this time. Teachers will need to be able to address academics, while simultaneously addressing behavior issues related to students who are out of practice with in-person socializing, and mental health issues for those who have suffered trauma during the pandemic.

This pandemic has highlighted just how many necessary services are delivered to children through their schools, and just how much impact schools have on our economies. Please make sure our schools get the enrollment stabilization that they need, so that our children can continue to receive both the services and the education that they need.

We did not have a choice about entering into the pandemic. We have a choice about how we come out of it.

Please address enrollment stabilization in the budget without relying on districts using up their federal ESSR funds.

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