

# 2015 Legislative Report

State Representative  
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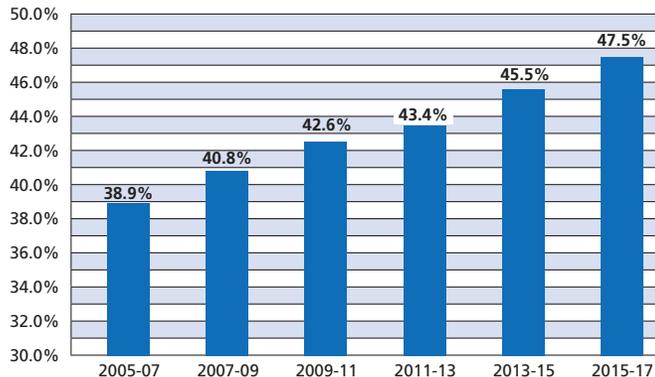
## A great education for all – \$1.3 billion more for public schools

As the mother of two daughters in our public schools and a former school board member, I know why so many people are passionate about education. Today's economy runs on brainpower, and without a good education, our kids won't have a fair shot at the American Dream.

We made real progress in funding schools this session. And for the first time in state history, we cut college tuition.

But more work remains. Every child deserves a great education—not just the sons and daughters of the wealthy few.

**K-12 spending has grown as percentage of state budget**



## Stop dumping sex offenders in Pierce County

I wrote House Bill 1668 to curb this unsafe practice. This legislation was included in House Bill 1059, so I'm happy to say it's now the law of the land.

## Building a better Washington

The \$3.9 billion construction budget will create up to 44,000 jobs across Washington to build schools, universities, mental health facilities, and parks. Western State Hospital received \$43.8 million to expand its work.

Additional projects in our district include:

- Chambers Creek Regional Park pier extension and moorage (\$1.75 million)
- U.S. Open security funding (\$750,000)
- DuPont Historical Museum renovation
- Gene Goodwin Tot Lot playground renovation in Fircrest
- Steilacoom Sentinel Way repairs
- Waughop Lake Trail at Steilacoom Park
- Jacob's Point aquatic lands enhancement funding



## Keep in touch

Please feel free to contact me with your comments, questions or ideas.

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## Standing with veterans

This session we passed important bills to improve the lives of veterans and military families. One bill I worked on fixed a glitch in a federal law that would've stopped college funding for 20,000 vets and their dependents.

Senate Bill 5793 will provide credit towards child support obligations for veterans' benefits and Senate Bill 5079 will help the state work hand-in-hand with the Department of Defense to protect children from abuse and neglect.

## Fixing traffic gridlock

The new \$16.1 billion transportation package will give people better options and create up to 200,000 construction jobs. Local projects include:

- \$496.4 million in I-5 JBLM corridor improvements
- \$2 million in track improvements for the Point Defiance Rail Bypass
- \$2.64 million for the Gravelly Lake Trail
- \$2 million for the Lake City Business District Sidewalks
- \$745,000 for the 54<sup>th</sup> Street Project in University Place
- \$380,000 for the Cirque Drive Safe Routes to Schools Project at Sunset to 83rd



## No to higher gas taxes

I'm pleased so many Pierce County projects are being funded. As for the gas tax, I voted no because higher gas taxes hit working people hardest. The gas tax is also a dying revenue source, since people are switching to cars with better gas mileage, hybrids—or electric cars, which pay zero gas tax.

We need new, smarter ways to fund transportation.

## Town Hall Meeting on the Economy and Education

**10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 3**  
**Student Services Center, Clover Park School District,**  
**10903 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Lakewood 98499**

If you can't make the town hall meeting, I still want to hear from you. Go here for a short survey about your experience with our economy and education system: <https://goo.gl/CvMMQo>



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