

# 38th District

## 2015 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

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Dear Friends:

As the year comes to an end, we are taking time to look back at the long 2015 legislative session and offer a preview of the big challenges we face in January. When the Legislature convenes on Jan. 11, the state faces critical challenges and we know the people of the 38th Legislative District rightfully expect results.

Fully funding K-12 education continues to be the top priority. Last session the Legislature made historic investments in Early Learning, All-Day Kindergarten, and K-3 class size reduction which get us closer to that goal. However, chronic underfunding of K-12 education continues to persist due in large part to our state's broken tax system. In Washington, middle class families pay 10 percent of their household income to state and local taxes. The wealthiest earners pay only 2.4 percent. Washington state has the most unfair tax system in the country.

This is one of the main reasons the Legislature is currently being fined \$100,000 a day for failing to comply with mandates of the Supreme Court's McCleary decision, which ruled the state is underfunding basic education.

Everyone in Olympia knows it will take more revenue for the state to assume its full responsibility to fund K-12 education, but some still refuse to act. We plan on working across the aisle to finally find a solution to the current inequities in our school funding system.

Education funding isn't the only issue we will address in the coming months. Our fragile economic recovery is a reminder that we must look for ways to foster an economy that creates jobs and opportunity for everyone, not just the wealthy.

We also will continue to take a serious look at ways our state can reduce the impacts of climate change and work to ensure we have environmental standards Washingtonians can be proud of.

We have a lot of work ahead of us on these and other important issues to our friends and neighbors in Everett, Marysville, Tulalip and Snohomish County. We are honored to have the opportunity to serve you in Olympia.

Sincerely,

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We want to hear from you. You can fill out the survey below and mail it back to us, or fill it out online at [goo.gl/FZ55po](http://goo.gl/FZ55po) and save a stamp!

1. If you could only tackle one issue, what would your top priority be?

Education

Jobs

Transportation

Crime

Tax reform

Environment

Working Families

Other (Please specify)

3. Our government is how we work together to do the things we cannot do alone. Can you name a few examples of ways in which government is solving problems, investing in families, creating jobs and providing opportunities?

2. How should we find the billions needed to fully fund public schools?

Close tax loopholes for giant corporations

Cut everything else in the budget

Raise general taxes

Ignore the Supreme Court order and continue to underfund K-12 education

Put a capital gains tax on investment income

4. Are there issues or concerns in your daily life, your neighborhood or your community that you think should be addressed with legislation?

You are always welcome to reach out to any of us through email or phone if you have questions, concerns or comments in the future.

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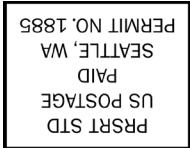
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