



Big 3 Briefing, Week 9 - Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can't Lose

March 12, 2025

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In this week's *Rainy Day Recess*, we talk about the legislator town halls that are coming up in the next few weeks and how to advocate at them. We are halfway through the legislature's 105-day session, and we can show support for what we want to see change in the Big 3 bills by showing up and pushing the legislators to fund our schools. We give you some examples of ways to push the legislators to listen to you, and how to get around their avoidance. Although talking to legislators about what you want is great, if you can't do that, just showing up in numbers shows them that you care about the bills, and that they should pay attention to them. *(episode summary by Asher Robertsonmeyer, 7th grade)*

- Megan Larkin and Christie Robertson

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Town Halls

- Find your district: app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder
- [Senate Democrats](#)
- [Senate Republicans](#)
- [House Democrats](#)
- [House Republicans](#)
- Seattle area town halls (thanks to [All Together for Seattle Schools](#) for creating these Facebook events):

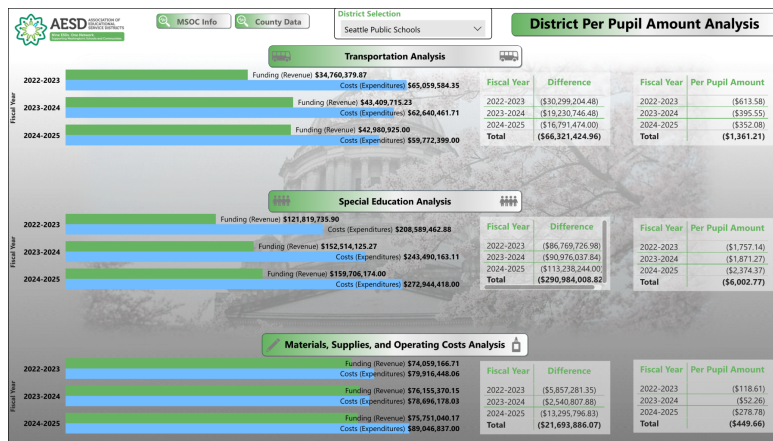


Rainy Day Recess Show Notes - E23

- [March 15th. 1 - 2:30PM - 43rd Legislative District Town Hall](#), Bloedel Hall at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral (1245 10th Ave. E. Seattle, WA 98102)
- [March 17th. 6 - 7PM - 34th Legislative District Town Hall](#), Telephone town hall – constituents will receive a call automatically or call (855)-756-7520 Ext.120781#
- [March 20th. 6:30 - 7:30PM - 46th Legislative District Town Hall](#), Virtual Town Hall: TBA
- [March 22. 10 - 11:30am - 37th Legislative District Town Hall](#), Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS), 3639 Martin Luther King Jr. Way South, Seattle, WA 98144
- [March 24. 5 - 6pm - 32nd Legislative District Town Hall with Rep Ryu](#), Virtual Town Hall TBA

Town Hall Prep

- **Level One: Show up:**
 - Wear **RED** for ED.
 - Sign in and write that you're there for education funding.
 - You did it! Woo hoo!
- **Level Two: Ask a question:**
 - Research your legislators:
 - [Bills by legislator](#)
 - Find [your legislator](#) to see what committees they're on
 - Talking points
 - [District Funding Shortfalls](#) in Washington State (Source: [Washington Association of Educational Service Districts](#))



- [Example questions](#)
 - Follow up:
 - reiterate
 - more details or data
- **Level Three: Have a conversation w/ a legislator:**
 - [Common legislator pushback and answers](#)



- Who's organizing to attend en masse so far?
 - [Washington State PTA](#) is hosting some **Town Hall Q&A Drop-in Sessions**
 - "Legislative advocacy can feel intimidating or confusing at times. We get that and want to support you. Advocacy Committee members are happy to help you prepare for your town hall and answer any questions you might have. We can also help you tailor your advocacy to your legislative district. Join us for two drop-in town hall Q&A drop-in sessions or contact ptaadvocacydir@wastatepta.org."
 - Wednesday, March 12 from 5-6 pm: [Register via Zoom](#)
 - Friday, March 14 from noon-1 pm: [Register via Zoom](#)
 - [All Together for Seattle Schools](#) says: "Show up at this legislative district town hall wearing **RED** to show your support for the state fully funding K-12 education now!"

The Big 3 Bills Journey

----> HOUSE OF ORIGIN ---->

	Bill	Sponsor	Key Provisions, leaving House of Origin	House of Origin Committees	House of Origin Floor
S p e c i a l E d	5263	Pedersen / Braun	• Removes cap • 1.32x uniform multiplier • Safety net - 1.75x + quarterly payments • statewide IEP		On the Senate Floor awaiting a vote
	1357	Stonier	• Does NOT remove cap • 1.18/1.09 (currently 1.12/1.06) • Safety net: 2.2x (currently 2.3x) • statewide IEP • OSPI - inclusion pilot funding • plan to decrease isolation		On the House Floor awaiting a vote
M S O C	5192	Nobles	• 5% MSOC increase • Inflation adjustments • 3-year enrollment average		
	1338	Berg	• ~1% MSOC increase • Inflation adjustments • no 3-year rolling average		Stuck in House Rules

Spreadsheet of features - [Big 3 feature comparison](#)

Newsletters



WASA – This Week in Olympia (TWIO), March 7, 2025

A weekly legislative update with excellent background information

[TWIO, Week 8](#)

WSPTA – Week 9: Spring Ahead to the Second Half of the 2025 Session, March 10, 2025

Mid-session update on education advocacy, funding, and legislative actions.

[Week 9: Spring ahead to the second half of the 2025 session - WSPTA](#)

Legislative Deadlines

I. “House of Origin”

- ~~February 21 – Bills must pass their policy committees~~
- ~~February 28 – Bills must pass their fiscal committees~~
- March 12 – Bills must pass ff the floor

II. “Opposite House” Cutoffs

- April 2 – Bills must pass Opposite House policy committees

[Cutoff Calendar](#) (Source: leg.wa.gov)

Washington State Legislature Basics

- leg.wa.gov -> Enter a bill number (e.g., 5263, 1338, 1579) to find details, sign in PRO, or testify.
- To reach legislators
 - Find your district: app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder
 - ALL legislative email addresses are firstname.lastname@leg.wa.gov

Big 3 Bills

- **Special education**
 - ~~HB 1310 (Pollet) – [Bill Information](#)~~
 - HB 1357 (Stonier) – [Bill Information](#)
 - SB 5263 (Pedersen/Braun) – [Bill Information](#)
- **MSOC (Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs)**
 - HB 1338 (Berg) – [Bill Information](#)
 - SB 5192 (Nobles) – [Bill Information](#)
- ~~**Transportation**~~
 - ~~HB 1579 (Nance) – [Bill Information](#)~~
 - ~~SB 5187 (Wellman) – [Bill Information](#)~~



Advocacy Orgs and Bill Trackers

- **Washington State PTA (WSPTA) Legislative Action Center** – Advocates for policies benefiting children and education in Washington state.
<https://www.wastatepta.org/tag/advocacy/>
- **League of Education Voters (LEV)** – Tracks education-related bills and policies in Washington state.
<https://educationvoters.org/resources/bill-tracker/>
- **Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA)** – Represents school board members and provides policy advocacy.
<https://wssda.app.box.com/s/u3ijeshuxoq3m2op3es351frasaou0bx>
- **Seattle Special Education PTSA** – Advocates for students with disabilities in Seattle Public Schools.
<https://seattlespecialeducationptsa.org/advocacy/>
- **Seattle Council PTSA** – Provides advocacy efforts for Seattle Public Schools' PTSA organizations.
<https://scptsa.org/2024-25-advocacy>
- **The Arc of Washington State** – Advocates for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the state level.
<https://arcwa.org/advocacy/>
- **The Arc of King County** – Provides advocacy and resources for individuals with disabilities in King County.
<https://arcofkingcounty.org/advocacy/>
- **Disability Rights Washington (DRW)** – A protection and advocacy agency focusing on disability rights and legislative policies.
<https://disabilityrightswa.org/2024-legislative-agenda/>
- **NAACP Youth Council – Seattle King County NAACP** – Focuses on racial justice, education equity, and civil rights advocacy.
<https://www.seattlekingcountynaacp.org/>
- **Seattle Student Union** – A student-led organization advocating for education policies, student rights, and school funding.
<https://www.instagram.com/seattlestudentunion/>
- **The People's Big 5** – A coalition advocating for progressive education reforms and student-centered policies in Seattle Public Schools.
<https://www.thepeoplesbig5.com/>

About the Legislative Process

- Washington State Legislature: [Bill Lookup](#)
- Overview of the Legislative Process: [Legislative Process Guide](#)
- How to Read a Bill: [Guide](#)
- 2025 WA Legislative Cutoff Calendar: [Calendar](#)
- District Finder: [Find Your District](#)



Previous Big 3 Briefing Episodes

1. [Legislative Advocacy 101, with Megan Larkin](#)
2. [Legislative Advocacy 102 \(How to "Sign in Pro"\)](#)
3. [Big 3 Briefing, Week 3](#)
4. [Big 3 Briefing, Week 4](#)
5. [Big 3 Briefing, Week 5 - A Marathon, Not a Sprint](#)
6. [Big 3 Briefing, Week 6 - Some Bill Will Die](#)
7. [Big 3 Briefing, Week 7 - Fiscal Week](#)
8. [Big 3 Briefing, Week 8 - Bloodbath](#)