

## 2015 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

*The COPC and its 49 member organizations advocate for policy and systems change to secure the health and well-being of all of Washington's children and families.*

### SUPPORT GREATER PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

#### 1. **SUSTAIN "SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS" (SRTS) PROGRAMS & PROJECTS**

SRTS is a unique hybrid initiative that is part program (e.g., developing parent and community support around walking and biking to school) and part transportation infrastructure project (building necessary crosswalks and sidewalks). We need to find both sustainable statewide funding sources as well as expand the overall funding for this important initiative. <http://saferouteshealthykids.org>

#### 2. **FUND YOUTH ATHLETIC FACILITIES (YAF)**

COPC will pursue capital budget request for 2015-17 to reinvigorate the Youth and Community Athletic Facilities competitive grant program. New facilities will give our youth opportunities for increased physical activity, and help local parks & recreation agencies develop and maintain all-weather athletic fields and facilities.

### SUPPORT SCHOOL WELLNESS & NUTRITION EFFORTS

#### 3. **PROVIDE HYDRATION STATIONS IN SCHOOLS TO INCREASE TAP WATER CONSUMPTION AMONG WASHINGTON STUDENTS**

Today, many children are not able to easily access regulated drinking water in their schools. Increasing water intake among our children is essential to improving their readiness to learn and limiting their excess sugary drink consumption. We are pursuing funds from the Capital Budget to support necessary infrastructure improvements in our neediest schools. Providing contemporary "hydration stations" will encourage increased water consumption, and allow students to reuse their own water containers rather than purchase costly-single use bottles.

#### 4. **PROVIDE CAPITAL FUNDS FOR SCHOOL KITCHENS TO CONVERT TO SCRATCH COOKING**

Today, many school kitchens lack the necessary equipment to prepare nutritious meals from scratch. We are pursuing funding to enable schools to purchase appropriate equipment to provide all students with healthy food. The prime sponsor of this initiative is Rep. Marcus Riccelli (Spokane). See [HB 1164](#) for reference.

#### 5. **STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF "BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL"**

Currently, many Washington students are unable to eat breakfast before beginning the school day. The lack of a nutritious breakfast negatively impacts students' readiness to learn. This proposed law would make breakfast more widely available across the state. See [HB 1295](#) / [SB 5437](#) for reference.

### SUPPORT THE "HEALTHIEST NEXT GENERATION" (HNG) BUDGET REQUEST

#### 6. **SUSTAIN CORE STAFFING**

Governor Inslee is proposing ongoing funds to the Department of Health, Department of Early Learning and the Office for the Superintendent of Public Instruction to sustain the three key HNG positions at these state agencies.

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AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION -- WA CHAPTER  
BEECHER’S PURE FOOD KIDS FOUNDATION  
CASCADE BICYCLE CLUB EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
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PUBLIC HEALTH ROUNDTABLE  
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SEATTLE PARKS AND RECREATION  
SKAGIT COUNTY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PROJECT  
SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT  
SPOKANE REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT  
TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
TRANSPORTATION CHOICES  
WA ASSOC. OF COMMUNITY & MIGRANT HEALTH CENTERS  
WASHINGTON BIKES  
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WASHINGTON DENTAL SERVICE FOUNDATION  
WASHINGTON HEALTH FOUNDATION  
WASHINGTON RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION  
WASHINGTON SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION  
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WA STATE ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS  
WASHINGTON STATE DAIRY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON STATE PTA  
WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
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