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### **Classified School Employee of the Year (S. 2653 and N.H. 1519)**

CSEY pays tribute to the tireless efforts of our nation's outstanding classified school employees. The award winner will be recognized nationally by the Secretary of Education and the President.

Senator Patty Murray (WAD) introduced S. 2653 in the 114th Congress. Congresswoman Dina Titus (DENVER) introduced CSEY as H. R. 1519 in the House with 33 cosponsors including Washington Reps. McDermott, Delbert, Herrera-Butler, Larsen, Heretic and Kilter.

The House passed CSEY as House Resolution 376 in the 110th Congress.

### **Education Funding**

The Budget Control Act sequestration cuts and long term cuts in education funding do not advance National objectives for student achievement and success.

Congress should pass Appropriations bills using the higher budget caps of the Bipartisan Budget Act Maintaining priority funding for federal education programs such as ESSA/Title I, IDEA, Pell Grant and Head Start advancing student achievement and success.

### **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Funding**

When Congress passed and reauthorized the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) it set a goal to provide 40% federal funding for federal mandated services for students with disabilities. Even with a \$400 million increase in FY 2016, current federal IDEA funding is less than 16%.

Congress should fully fund IDEA. H.R. 551 is a bipartisan bill to fully fund IDEA originally sponsored by 3 Democrats and 3 Republicans including Rep. Reichert (R-WA). 48 current sponsors including Washington Reps. Reichert, McDermott, Heck, Kilmer and DelBene.

### **Pre-school/Early Education**

Congress should support early childhood and preschool initiatives as authorized in ESSA by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) and funded as the Department of Education Early Learning Preschool Grant program and the HHS Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships program.

### **Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act**

Congress approved and President Obama signed H. R. 2 granting a 2 year funding extension (through FY 2015) for the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. We urge Congress to make the long-term commitment to authorize and fund Secure Rural Schools.

### **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**

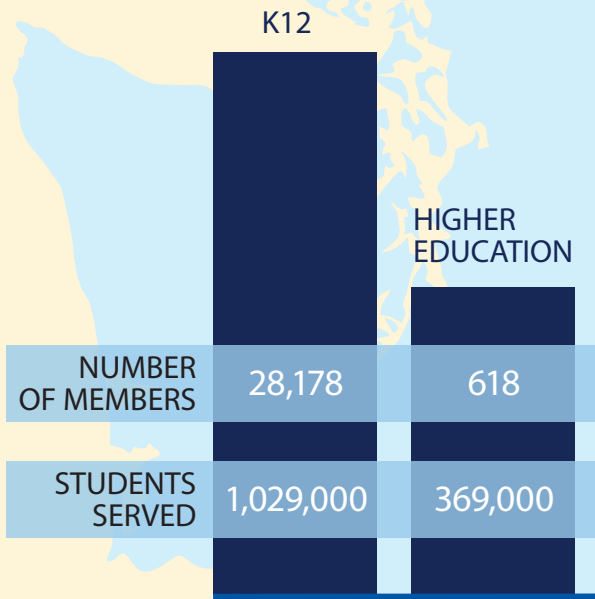
PSE appreciates the passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act and the provisions recognizing paraeducators and providing for paraeducator training and professional development. ESSA reauthorized Impact Aid which should be fully funded including the federal facility program.

# 2016 PSE Profile

Public School Employees of Washington (PSE SEIU 1948) is a labor union dedicated to representing classified educational support professionals in Washington State's public education system.

Our members play a vital role in the operation of early learning, K-12 and universities throughout the state, especially in programs designed for at-risk, ELL, and special needs students.

By serving on the front lines in and out of the classroom, we help to bridge the opportunity gap and give every student the best chance to succeed.



## REPRESENTING NEARLY 29,000 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

- BUS DRIVERS
- PARAEDUCATORS
- SECRETARIES
- CUSTODIANS
- NUTRITION SERVICES
- SECURITY
- HIGHER EDUCATION
- TECHNOLOGY
- PROGRAM PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
- MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
- MAINTENANCE
- OTHER SERVICES

AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS PER CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

**3,000**



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