



## **ESN 2017 Priorities**

The Excellent Schools Now (ESN) Coalition has set goals that by 2030, 100 percent of students will graduate from high school in five years and 70 percent of Washington students will earn a post-secondary degree or credential. In order to meet those goals, we must start investing now in closing gaps. ESN is committed to ensuring that the investments made in our educational system improve outcomes for our historically underserved students, particularly students of color. We will work during the 2017 legislative session to provide quality educational opportunities to every student across the educational continuum, from Pre-K to postsecondary.

### **Student Supports:**

1. Establish a K-12 state allocation model that distributes money more equitably based on student need, providing greater resources for particular students, such as those living in poverty, English learners, students with disabilities, students in foster care, and academically struggling students.
2. Increase access to staff and services to meet students' academic and non-academic needs, including expanded learning opportunities and kindergarten readiness.
3. Invest in State Need Grant to serve more eligible students.

### **Staff Compensation and Distribution:**

1. Create an educator compensation and support system across the educational continuum that:
  - a. Attracts new teachers to the profession.
  - b. Creates incentives that attract and retain effective educators in the highest need schools.
  - c. Improves educator preparation programs and professional development to meet the needs of diverse student bodies.

### **Accountability and Transparency:**

1. Expand supports for school improvement to ensure all struggling schools get the assistance they need to successfully serve students.
2. Increase transparency by reporting school-level funding and student outcome data.