

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. With nearly 3,000 members, AAUW of Washington is the champion of equal rights for women and girls and for quality public education in Washington state. We believe that “Education is the key to women’s economic security,” and we support the Principles for Change and the Ten-Year Goals of Washington Learns.

American Association of University Women of Washington has set the following education priorities for 2007.

The Governor's agenda and budget for early learning, including funding for full day kindergarten and a voluntary quality rating system for child-care providers

The establishment of a limited list of math and science curricula made up of world-class content and concepts

Funding for early identification and intervention for special needs children (such as those with autism)

We also support the following specific education legislation:

Expanding access to higher education classes for high school students SB5105

Providing for a simple majority of those voting to pass school levies SB5028

Helping former foster children access higher education and provide scholarships SB5155

Creating guaranteed opportunities scholarships for low income students with no family history of higher education SB5098

Requiring medically accurate sex education, if the subject is taught HB1297

We will follow these and other legislative proposals carefully, and we look forward to working with our elected representatives and others in our communities for the benefit of students in our schools, colleges and universities.

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