

## **DID YOU KNOW...**

### **Education is falling behind in Washington?**

- In Washington State, students can graduate with a 4.0 GPA and still not be prepared to enter a four-year state university.
- 37 states have higher graduation course requirements than Washington State. (OSPI)
- In 2006-2007, 45% of recent high school graduates enrolled in remedial math courses at community and technical colleges. (SBCTC)
- 24% of Washington's 8<sup>th</sup> graders took Algebra 1 (41<sup>st</sup> in nation). (Council of Chief State School Officers)

### **These alarming statistics about high school dropouts?**

- 3.5 times more likely than high school graduates to be arrested
- More than 8 times as likely to be incarcerated
- In the US, 68% of state prison inmates have not received a high school diploma

Source: "Schools or the Streets – Crime and Washington's Dropout Crisis" by the WA State Sheriffs Dept)

### **Out of 100 9<sup>th</sup> graders:**

- 69 graduate high school on time
- 33 enter a community college or university
- 24 return for their sophomore year
- 17 receive a diploma within 6 years

Source: The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems & National Center for Education Statistics

### **Washington State is at the bottom in school funding:**

- K-12 per pupil funding is 44<sup>th</sup> in the nation (Education Week)
- Class size is 46<sup>th</sup> in the nation (NCES)
- Public Effort is 46<sup>th</sup> in the nation (NCES)
- Teacher salaries are 21<sup>st</sup> in the nation (NEA)

### **That most jobs:**

By 2014, 77 percent of new job openings in Washington State that pay enough for an individual to support a small family will be held by workers who have had education or training beyond high school. Of these jobs, more than half will be held by workers with four-year college degrees. (collegeworkready.org)