

# MANDATE

“IT IS THE PARAMOUNT DUTY OF THE STATE TO MAKE AMPLE PROVISION FOR THE EDUCATION OF ALL CHILDREN RESIDING WITHIN ITS BORDERS, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OR PREFERENCE ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, COLOR, CASTE, OR SEX.”

**Washington state constitution**

Article 9 of the Washington state constitution makes it abundantly clear — every single one of our children is entitled to an education. What this means is that our legislators’ paramount duty is to adequately fund our entire public education system from preschool through post-secondary. Today, we know that post-secondary education is critical, yet higher education disinvestment has made it increasingly out of reach for most of our children. Disinvestment in higher education violates our constitutional mandate and severely hurts job creation and economic recovery.

It’s time to reverse this abysmal trend, and ensure every Washington student has the opportunity to pursue post-secondary education so more jobs in our state can go to Washington graduates.

Remind your legislators to deliver on the commitment they made to fund higher education — *for the Greater good.*

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