

## **Schools**

We need to have K-12 education focused on teaching the basics with a much greater emphasis on math, science, reading, and writing. Because of my engineering background I *know* the great value that math and science brings to our students and their future incomes. We need to teach useful trades to students that are not academically college bound, so that they can make a good living wage when they get out of High School.

We need to make our schools competitive and efficient. Teacher pay should be based on performance. The number of years of experience does not always equate to more knowledge and competence than a less experienced teacher. Just like in the private sector if a teacher is not performing, he/she should be replaced with a better instructor. Tenure should not be a factor when teachers have the future of our students in their hands. The children's welfare must come above all else.

Washington State Universities should set a priority on enrolling Washington residents, since it is our state taxpayers who are subsidizing these schools.

The State of Washington should encourage charitable non-profits both religious and secular organizations to tutor the under privileged. At all levels of K-12. The local school districts need to connect students in need with these organizations.