Washington Schools

Despite recent large increases in spending, public school officials are not providing children with the high-quality education they promised.

1. **Number of students:** 1,149,000
2. **Number of schools:** 2,275
3. **Spending per student:** $16,000 \(^1\)
4. **Spending on teacher pay:**
   Average teacher gets $113,000 in pay and benefits.
   The highest paid teachers in the state can make up to $153,500 in pay and benefits. See Everett School District.
5. **Spending on central office staff:**
   Average superintendent gets $175,200 in salary, plus $46,300 in benefits.
   Number of administrators paid over $100,000 a year: 5,030.
   Only 51 percent of employees are teachers.
6. **Spending growth:**
   Per-student spending has increased by $5,445, or 52 percent, in six years.
7. **Student learning\(^2\)**
   **2018-19:**
   - 40.4 percent of students fail to meet state standard in English
   - 51.1 percent of students fail to meet state standard in math

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