

EDUCATION

Washington will add 740K jobs over the next 5 years. High-growth jobs will be higher-skill and higher-paying. We need to ensure our children are prepared to compete for and secure the jobs of the future. We need a strong local education system responsive to needs of current and emerging

businesses, and a business community positioned to help connect students to career opportunities. We need to work with education partners to cultivate future leaders in our region's top and emerging industries: agriculture, medical, tourism/hospitality, construction/trades, and technology.

Guiding Principles

- » The Chamber supports legislation and programs that provide career awareness, exploration, and experiences for students through mechanisms that involve business, schools and the community in partnerships.
- » The Chamber supports the availability of locally focused, post-secondary education, training for area residents and customized education services for area businesses.
- » The Chamber supports programs, processes, activities and facilities that promote a strong local education system which, together with business and community, prepares students for a productive role in the world.
- » The Chamber supports cost effective (or economically feasible) improvements and modernization of our school buildings, technology infrastructure, and grounds.
- » The Chamber supports creative solutions to improve operational efficiencies of educational organizations.