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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

On this beautiful fall day, I'm so grateful for our Evergreen state. Spending time outdoors reminds me of the importance of what we do at Washington Green Schools.

Everyone deserves clean air, clean water, and access to nature close to home. To secure these rights, we need informed, engaged community members who will ensure a healthy environment. This is why Washington Green Schools (WGS) supports students, teachers, and K-12 schools to become leaders for sustainability in our local communities. Future generations are counting on us to safeguard our environment now.

In 2018-19, WGS significantly expanded programs and outreach to reach more Washington schools, including those directly impacted by pollution and climate change. Our growth connected us with eager new audiences and forged valuable partnerships. Looking ahead, we're excited to build on our strengths, sharpen our focus on equity, and serve even more students and schools across Washington state.

Thank you for your loyal support of Washington Green Schools. Together we are making a difference, for our kids and our environment.

Sincerely,



Meredith Lohr, *Executive Director*





GROWING ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP ACROSS WASHINGTON

2018-19 at a Glance

336 SCHOOLS from **101 SCHOOL DISTRICTS** received training, resources, and support from Washington Green Schools. That's **MORE THAN TWICE** as many schools as last year!

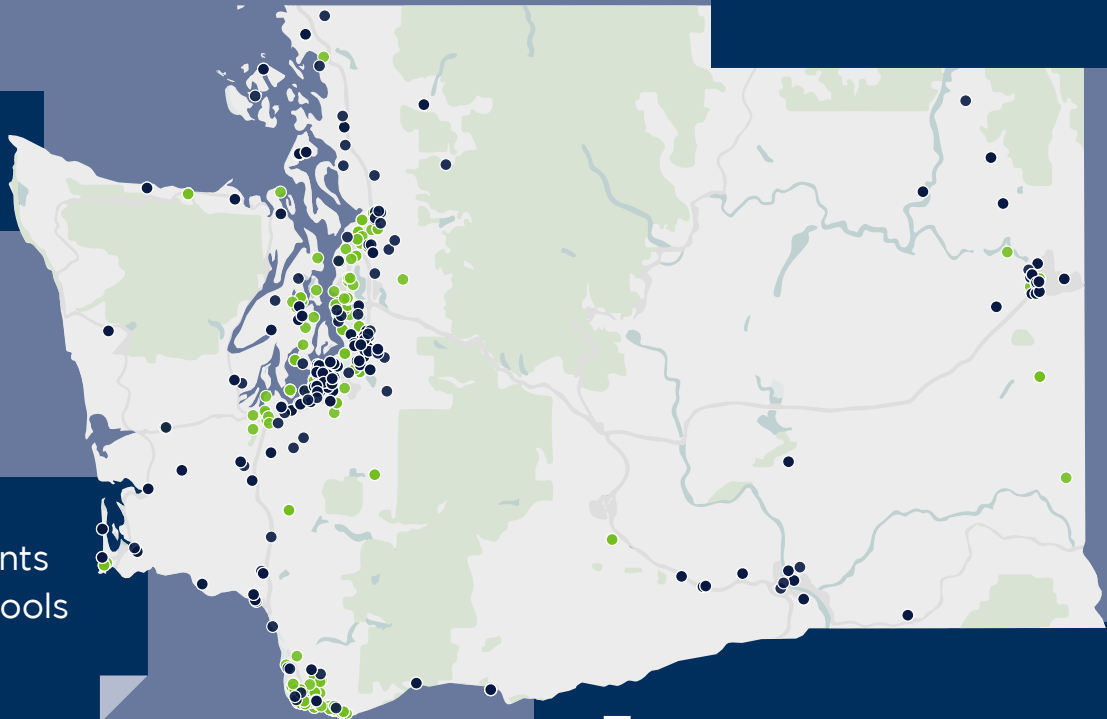
88% of teachers said students displayed environmental leadership in their communities

28 counties served

185,000 students in participating schools
(46% low-income)

MAP: 2018-19 SCHOOLS SERVED

○ New schools ● Returning schools



7x more schools served in Eastern Washington from 2017-18 to 2018-19
(FROM 5 TO 36 SCHOOLS)



“Washington Green Schools provided our students and staff the inspiration, challenge, and structure to achieve things in sustainability that wouldn’t have been possible otherwise.”

**– DR. LANCE GIBBON, SUPERINTENDENT
OF OAK HARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



OAK
HARBOR

A SCHOOL DISTRICT EMBRACES SUSTAINABILITY

**OAK HARBOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
WHIDBEY ISLAND**

Located on Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor Public Schools leads the way among sustainable school districts in Washington. In partnership with Washington Green Schools, this diverse community has reduced energy and water use, invested in school gardens, and taught students and families to be good stewards of the environment. A visit to Oak Harbor reveals a culture of sustainability throughout the district.



95% of students now understand the impact of food waste on the environment.



PROSSER

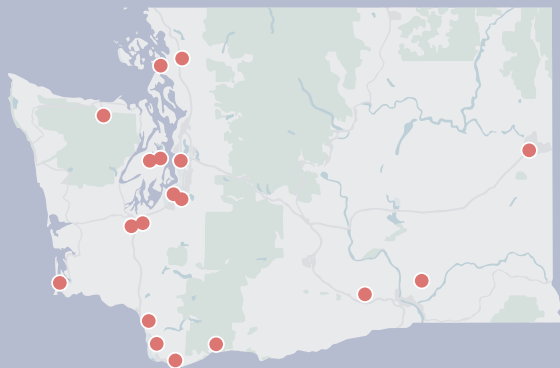
MIGRANT STUDENTS EXPLORE *¡GUACAMOLE ZOMBI!*

**GRANDVIEW, KIONA-BENTON, AND PROSSER
SCHOOL DISTRICTS, EASTERN WASHINGTON**

Most of the 30,000+ migrant students in Washington lack access to environmental education. In partnership with the state's Migrant Education Program, Washington Green Schools is helping close this gap. Translating Zombie Guacamole into Spanish was the first step in implementing the program with migrant students in the Grandview, Kiona-Benton, and Prosser school districts last summer. Students explored food and waste systems in their community and shared their learning with their families.



98% of teachers
gave the trainings
a positive rating.



In trainings across the state, educators explored how climate change connects with local issues such as fire, agriculture, coastal hazards, and human health.

MAP: 2018-19 ClimEd TRAINING LOCATIONS

PIONEERING CLIMATE SCIENCE EDUCATION

Educating our communities about climate change is an essential step toward solutions. In 2018-19, Washington Green Schools' new Climate Education program equipped 370 teachers to bring climate science into their classrooms. WGS' program focuses on local issues, current science, and taking action. With seed funding from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WGS is part of a pioneering, collaborative effort to increase climate literacy statewide.



UW scientists partnered with WGS to bring current, local data to teachers.

79% of teachers felt more prepared to integrate climate science into their classrooms.



“This was seriously the best training I have attended since I started teaching 14 years ago! Relevant, useful, and great resources!”

– KATIE LEVENICK, TEACHER,
CAMAS HIGH SCHOOL

46 schools completed action projects and earned Green Schools Certification in 2018-19.



SPOKANE

BIKING FOR CLEAN AIR

HUTTON ELEMENTARY, SPOKANE

In Spokane's Hutton Elementary, a team of sixth graders wanted to cut air pollution in their community. The Green Team launched its first-ever bike-to-school program and increased the number of cyclists by five times, to more than 100 riders each day! By earning their Washington Green Schools' certification in Transportation, Hutton joined hundreds of other certified green schools in the WGS network. Next up, the students want to make biking for clean air a program across all Spokane Public Schools.



“It’s cool because my ideas don’t just go into a grade book. They’re going into something I will be able to see every day.”

– A SOPHOMORE AT IDEA HIGH SCHOOL



COMMUNITIES COLLABORATE TO PROTECT PUGET SOUND

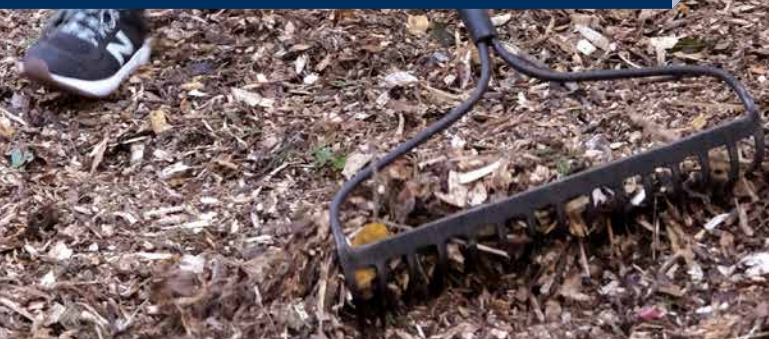
iDEA HIGH SCHOOL, TACOMA

Tacoma’s iDEA High School received a new living laboratory for studying stormwater on an urban campus, complete with rain gardens and permeable pavement. With support from Washington Green Schools, high school students engaged with local experts, explored water pollution in their community, and practiced engineering design. In WGS’ new Stormwater Stewards program, students learn about green stormwater infrastructure and how to protect Puget Sound.



“The students are all outside and super excited about wildlife and plants. The program has helped us to have more caring and responsible little human beings.”

- JENNIFER KOVACH, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, RISING STAR ELEMENTARY



STUDENTS GAIN ACCESS TO LOCAL NATURE

RISING STAR ELEMENTARY,* SEATTLE

Teachers at Rising Star Elementary were looking for ways to connect student learning to the natural world. In partnership with Seattle Sounders FC, RAVE Foundation, PCC Community Markets, and Abbott Construction, Washington Green Schools built a new school garden and wetland trail at this Seattle school. Students gained access to nature and fresh produce, right in their school's backyard, and teachers now hold science classes in the garden.

* Formerly Van Asselt Elementary



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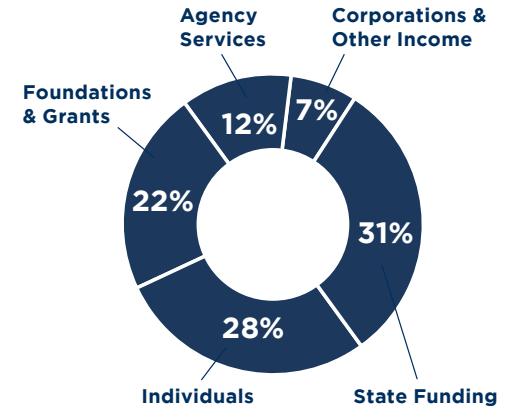
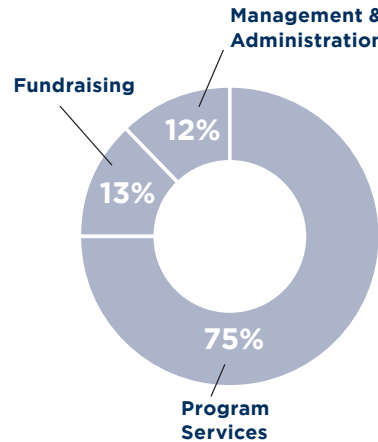
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EXPENSES

Program Services	\$542,199
Fundraising	\$92,333
Management & Administration	\$86,370
Total Expenses	\$720,902

INCOME

State Funding	\$232,668
Individuals	\$212,266
Foundations & Grants	\$170,900
Agency Services	\$92,239
Corporations & Other Income	\$55,286
Total Income	\$763,359

NET ASSETS

Beginning Net Assets	\$197,207
Change in Net Assets.	\$42,457
Ending Net Assets	\$239,664

Note: 2018-19 financials prepared on a cash basis.

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Our vision is that every school will teach, model, and practice environmental sustainability and every student will attend a green and healthy school.



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