

As a nonprofit advocacy organization active in Washington since 2007, Stand for Children is a unique catalyst for education equity and racial justice, to create a brighter future for us all.



To achieve our mission, Stand’s legislative advocacy seeks to:

- ▶ Lead with the goal of racial equity by targeting policies that prioritize students and families who are Black, Indigenous and people of color.
- ▶ Promote proven solutions that are already working in schools and communities

In the 2023 legislative session, Stand urges lawmakers to:

|                | REFORM JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS  | INVEST IN HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS  |
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| LEAD AGENDA    | <p><b>Build a debt-free youth justice system</b> that reduces harm and promotes community healing by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ eliminating the ineffective and inefficient practice of imposing financial restitution in juvenile cases;</li> <li>▶ improving access to compensation for victims of crime;</li> <li>▶ eliminating remaining juvenile legal financial obligations (LFOs), and;</li> <li>▶ discharging outstanding juvenile court debt.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Increase on-time high school graduation rates</b> and support students through the critical ninth-grade transition year by equipping educators with the proven Ninth Grade Success Team Approach.</p> <p>With a framework that is uniquely suited to improve student success, the NGST Approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ prioritizes relationship-building;</li> <li>▶ focuses on equity, and;</li> <li>▶ makes data immediately actionable.</li> </ul> |
|                | IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEBT FREE YOUTH JUSTICE WA COALITION   | IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS COALITION  |
| SUPPORT AGENDA | <p>Support <b>juvenile and criminal legal system reforms</b> that are rooted in brain science, racial equity, and restorative justice and create opportunities for young people to pursue their educational goals while remaining connected to community.</p>  | <p><b>Support student-centered policies grounded in racial equity</b>, including: investments in learning acceleration, development of a digital High School and Beyond Plan platform, promoting dual credit equity, and developing rigorous and relevant high school graduation pathways.</p>   |