How communicate with your legislators using Our Voice on wsasp.org.

Step 1
Go to wsasp.org/advocacy

Step 2.

Step 3
Under the Where and How descriptions you will see the word Our Voice highlighted in blue, and underlined.

Step 3.
The Where section explains the purpose of Our Voice is to contact our legislators.

Step 4.
The How section explains that you should address 1 bill at a time, you can use form letter provided by wsasp form, and can choose to add your own story, or you can write your own personal when you click on Our Voice.
Step 5
Scroll down the page until you come to the section boldly labeled **Current Bills and Form Letters**.

There is a description of the bills the GPR committee is currently tracking through the Washington State House of Representatives and Senators.

Step 6.
By clicking on the blue highlighted word **Bill**, you will see the actual legislative bill.

Some Bills are similar and are going through both the House and Senate at the same time.

Some Bills are only in the House or Senate

SB means **Senate Bill**

HB means **House Bill**

Step 7.
Review the Bills directly for additional information.
Step 8.
You have several choices. You can click on the Form Letter provided.

A. Cut and Paste into Our Voice, starting with “As your constituent...”

B. Cut and Paste into Our Voice, starting with “As your constituent...” and add your own personal story to support your stance.

(Whenever a personal story can be added, gives the letter more weight.)

Step 9:
How to Cut and Paste:

a. Take your cursor and click on the form letter.
b. Click on Ctrl button and A button simultaneously.
c. Click on Ctrl button and C button simultaneously

Step 10
Scroll up until you see Our Voice highlighted in blue and underlined. You will find it in the Where and How descriptions.

Step 11:
Click on the words Our Voice, which will take you immediately to the proper website to contact your legislators.
Once clicking on Our Voice, you are taken to this page, which will give you the opportunity to inform your WA State Representative and Senator how you want him/her to vote on issues or specific senate or house bills.

Step 12
In the Subject box you want to be as specific as possible, indicating clearly whether you want to support a bill or if you are against a bill. The legislators want to know the percentage of their constituents who support or against a bill.

In the Subject box, state I support (or I am against) House Bill ...
Make to insert the specific bill number.

Step 13
To cut and paste the Form Letter into Your Letter
a. Take you cursor and place it in the box for Your Letter
b. Click so that the cursor is now in the box for Your Letter
c. Click Ctrl V, then the form letter will be pasted into the box for Your Letter.

Step 14.
Check to make sure the Subject line represents the bills or bill you are discussing in the following section Your Letter.

Step 15
In the Your Letter box you can now add a personal story or edit in any way
Email your state legislators about public education

Your local legislators need to hear from you! Email your two House members and your state senator and let them know what you think about the education funding proposals and classroom policies they’re debating in Olympia.

Thank you

Subject:
Please support House Bill 1760 and Senate Bill 1601

Your Letter:
As your constituent and a school psychologist, I believe all students have the right to a free and appropriate education. In today’s schools, however, many children come to school without the basic self-regulation or emotional coping skills they need to function as focused, effective learners. Senate Bill 1601 and House Bill 1760 recognize the critical importance of addressing the developmental needs of all children and require the establishment of social and emotional education benchmarks for students in K-12 public education. Social and emotional skills play a significant role in determining how well equipped children will be to meet academic demands and engage fully in the learning process. I urge you to vote in support of.

First Name*

Last Name*

Email*

Street*

Street 2

City*

State/Province*

Select a state

Zip/Postal Code*

Submit

Step 16

Once you are satisfied that you have put the correct bill in the Subject box and that the information in Your Letter conveys your thoughts, scroll down to the personal information section.

Step 17

Fill out the personal information. This insures your legislators that you a legitimate constituent and a registered voter.

Step 18

Once you have inputted your personal information, click on the Submit button.

Your Letter has now been submitted to your legislators.

Expect an email response

Step 19

To review any additional bills return to wsasp.org/advocacy and repeat the process.