## **2025-27 State Budget Priorities**

- 1. Support increasing special education categorical aid with a goal to eventually reimburse 90% of prior year eligible costs. (2.31)
- 2. Provide school districts with, at minimum, inflationary increases in spendable resources and maximum flexibility to direct those dollars as needed at the local level. (2.19)

## The WASB will also...

- Stand up for local school board authority, including opposing the creation or expansion of unfunded state mandates (3.20) that would further burden limited available dollars.
- Support funding and initiatives to assist districts with staff recruitment and retention. (4.70)
- Support creating a categorical aid for school-based mental health services such that this aid is not limited simply to covering school district expenditures for school social workers. (6.065)



