



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6192  
December 6, 2022  
Consent Agenda**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6192: Letter of Support for Mercer Island School District’s Position on Cost-of-Living Adjustments for State Basic Education Compensation Allocations	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Mercer Island School District’s request to maintain cost-of-living adjustments for state basic education compensation allocations.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council
<b>STAFF:</b>	Salim Nice, Mayor Jessi Bon, City Manager
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Letter of Support for MISD Board of Directors Position 2. Mercer Island School District Letter to State Legislators
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this agenda bill is to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support (Exhibit 1) for the Mercer Island School District (MISD) to maintain cost-of-living adjustments for state basic education compensation allocations and urge state legislators to vote against any decrease to the regionalization factor.

**BACKGROUND**

The Mercer Island School District Board of Directors approved a letter (Exhibit 2) urging state representatives to vote no on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction’s (OSPI) [proposal](#) to decrease the current cost-of-living adjustments, (a.k.a. the “regionalization factor”), for state basic education compensation allocations from 18% to 12%.

Under the proposed 12% maximum regionalization factor, the Mercer Island School District would have received approximately \$2.1 million dollars less for the 2021-22 fiscal year, and, with an assumed inflation rate of 6%, the loss would total \$9.35 million dollars over the four-year period contemplated by the proposal (2022-26).

## **ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

The letter from the Mayor expresses the City of Mercer Island's support for Mercer Island School District's request to maintain cost-of-living adjustments for state basic education compensation allocations and urges state legislators to vote against any decrease to the regionalization factor.

Staff recommend, in addition to transmitting the letter of support to our state legislators, the letter be sent to the City's lobbying team and the Mercer Island School District.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Mercer Island School District's request to maintain cost-of-living adjustments for state basic education compensation allocations.