



# LOBBY DAY 2026

**Monday,  
February 16th  
8 AM - 4 PM**

Washington State faces ongoing revenue challenges that, last year, led to painful cuts. This year, we need to get down to Olympia and advocate with the Legislature to oppose balancing the state's budget on the backs of working Washingtonians. Our priorities for this session include strengthening and increasing progressive revenue, preventing further cuts to education, and keeping the conversations around school-related personnel, professional exempt staff, and contingent faculty wages alive for 2027. We know that it is crucial to make the investments that allow us to thrive.

**Central issues on our 2026 agenda are:**

- Protecting education at all levels from damaging cuts.
- Reestablishing the provisos for education funding that were removed in the last session.
- Preparing legislators for pay increases in the 2027 budget session.
- Working with Communities for Our Colleges to push for cost-free college for our students.
- Working with the Balance Our Tax Code coalition to advocate for increased progressive revenue.

The 2026 session is a short session, but we still have the opportunity to make improvements.

Please plan to join with colleagues, meet with legislators, and push for progressive change. Light breakfast and lunch will be provided, and transportation will be coordinated. Contact Richard Burton, State Affiliate Political Organizer, at [rburton@aftwa.org](mailto:rburton@aftwa.org) or (206) 225-0621 with any questions.

**We WIN When We Show Up!**



**Register at:  
[bit.ly/LobbyDay2026](https://bit.ly/LobbyDay2026)**

