

Special Education Parent Liaison

- 1. Purpose:** The purpose of the program is to provide support to districts, parents, guardians, educators, and students with disabilities by responding to stakeholder calls and requests for information.
- 2. Number of staff associated with this program/service (indicate where applicable):**

Fiscal Year 2017

of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): .44

FY 17 Funding State Appropriation: \$50,000

Are Federal or other funds contingent on state funding? No

Is continued funding needed in the next biennium? Yes, continued funding is needed in order to support this staff position. This position is not federally mandated and is dependent upon state support within the budget language.

- 5. What is the current status of this program's implementation?** The program is fully implemented.
- 6. First year funded:** 2006
- 7. State funding since inception:**

Fiscal Year	Amount
FY17	\$50,000
FY16	\$50,000
FY15	\$50,000
FY14	\$50,000
FY 13	\$50,000
FY 12	\$50,000
FY 11	\$50,000
FY 10	\$50,000
FY 09	\$50,000
FY 08	\$50,000

- 8. Major challenges faced by the program:** OSPI has taken funding from the limited special education federal discretionary budget to fund the parent liaison position as state funding provided is not sufficient to support a full-time liaison.
- 9. Statutory and/or Budget language:**

Budget Proviso: 2ESHB2367- 505 (12) \$50,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2016 and \$50,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2017, and \$100,000 of the general fund-federal appropriation are provided solely for special education ombudsman program within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

10. Contact Information:

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