

TIFFANY SMILEY'S AGENDA FOR EDUCATION RECOVERY AND REFORM

The Mission

"My Agenda for Recovery and Reform has one simple aim: to turn crises into hope for all Washingtonians. Despite the best efforts of so many of our teachers during the pandemic, distance and remote learning has shown all of us the holes in our education system. Many of our schools are focused on teaching divisive topics instead of the basics. And the careers of the future don't match an education system that is stuck in the past. Education recovery means getting back to the basics: reading, writing and math. Education reform means making sure parents have a say and a choice in their children's education. Our system must work to meet unique needs, talents and challenges of all individuals so they can have a bright future."

- Tiffany Smiley

WE CAN RECOVER & REFORM EDUCATION BY:

- **Expanding school choice to ensure low income families who are not part of the rich and elite have equal access to a quality education**
 - Federal education dollars should follow the student so that parents have the freedom to choose the educational environment that best fits their child.
- **Promoting curriculum transparency to empower parents and banning the teaching of divisive ideology like Critical Race Theory from our elementary schools**
 - The number 1 priority for schools is to lay a strong foundation in reading, writing and math so that students are equipped to succeed throughout their academic careers.
- **Creating and expanding K-12 STEM education programs to ensure skills development for the future**
- **Banning the federal government from forgiving student loans in a way that is unfair to those who have already paid off their debts and makes plumbers and hair stylists pay for the loans of lawyers and doctors**
 - Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness program could cost American taxpayers as much as \$1 trillion.
- **Ending the stigma and discrimination against students of all ages who choose not to go to college by expanding trade apprenticeships, on-the-job training and skill certification**
- **Providing teachers (whose average salary in Washington State is \$79,500) a pay raise and paying for it in part by reducing bureaucracy at the U.S. Department of Education (where the average salary is \$126,000)**
 - The importance of quality teachers cannot be overstated and should be reflected in their salary.

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