

Let's Save STEM



Let's get Louisa Boren STEM off the chopping block! We know it is an excellent school and a prized gem school of Seattle Public Schools. The K-8 model is one designed for success in building community-oriented, connected and supported students who will be high-school-ready by the completion of their time at STEM.

how you can help:

- Call or email legislators to stress our desire to keep STEM open as a K-8 school.
- Email School Board Director, Gina Topp, District 6.
- Look for legislator events online or in-person, so you can talk directly to them and emphasize the importance of our school to your children and our community.

Find contact info and scripts for calls and emails on the back of this flyer!

can this actually make a difference?

Yes, legislative advocacy really works! Especially when we all grab an oar and row together. Calling and emailing our legislators at the school board, city and state level, matters because each plays a role in school funding.

calling sounds scary!

Yes, calling can feel stressful, but we promise, it's not as scary as it sounds. You can even call and leave a message after-hours. Calls are important and make an impact. Legislative aides keep tallies of the numbers of calls and messages they receive on issues, and typically report to legislators on these numbers at regular intervals. They can spot form letters easily, and will add them to the tally, so personalized messages are even better.

1. Call your legislators!

State Legislator Phone Call Template: "Hello Representative/Senator X, my name is X and I live in the 98xxx zip code. I am calling today as my child is a student at Louisa Boren STEM school and I am heartbroken to hear the of District's plans to close the school. STEM is a shining gem of Seattle Public Schools. As you know, Seattle Public Schools is the largest district in the state in one of the most expensive cost-of-living areas of the state. There is no way around it: we need more funding from the state. I know it is difficult, but I am asking Representative/Senator X to go to bat for our school and get us more funding. The Washington State Constitution and the McCleary decision mandate it!!! Thank you for your time.

Representative Emily Alvarado (D), 34th Legislative District Emily.alvarado@leg.wa.gov (360) 786-7978

Representative Joe Fitzgibbon (D), Majority Leader
34th Legislative District Joe.fitzgibbon@leg.wa.gov (360) 786-7952

Senator Joe Nguyen (D) 34th Legislative District joe.nguyen@leg.wa.gov (360) 786-7667

2. Email your School Board Director!

School Board Member Email Template: (Use "Save Louisa Boren STEM" as Subject)

Hello School Board Member X, my name is X and I live in the 98xxx zip code. I am writing to you today as my child is a student at Louisa Boren STEM school and I am heartbroken to hear of the District's plans to close the school. STEM is a shining gem of Seattle Public Schools. As you know, our school serves one of the most ethnically and socioeconomically diverse communities in the city and state, and we have high marks for success. Our school is incredibly popular, with a long waiting list for every grade level. <insert: one to two sentences on your story> Why do you send your child to STEM? What is important to you? Is it the STEM PBL curriculum, the diversity of the student population, the school's accessibility on a Metro Bus Rapid Ride Line, is it STEM curriculum to prepare students for a STEM-job city? Keep this part succinct and direct.

Gina Topp, District 6
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Find more tips at fundspss.com

Language support by phone for Seattle Public School families and guardians to communicate with schools regarding special education evaluations, registration, special education, and 504.

Amharic and Oromo: 206-445-3848 or 206-252-0121

Chinese and Cantonese, Mandarin and Taishanese: 206-475-1860 or 206-252-0013

Somali, Arabic: 206-430-2494 or 206-252-0880

Spanish: 206-471-2414 or 206-252-0208

Vietnamese: 206-471-9386 or 206-252-0778

Follow us on our website (stemk8pta.org), FB and Instagram for more info on how to get involved!



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STEM PreK-8