



Jay Inslee puts education first

Jay Inslee comes from a family of teachers and education has always been one of his top priorities. He and his wife, Trudi, got their start in politics in Selah, after organizing a successful campaign to pass a bond measure that had failed multiple times.

Jay supported early efforts to lift Washington's super-majority requirement for school levies, and he has voted consistently to increase funding for No Child Left Behind, increasing financial aid and supporting our state's community and technical colleges.

A strong economy depends on a strong, skilled workforce. As governor, Jay will commit to ensuring our youngest learners get a strong start in school, that we improve graduation rates, and help more of our children attain a higher education that prepares them to work in growing industries such as bio-tech, aerospace and green energy.

Jay is a fifth-generation Washingtonian who has lived and worked on both sides of the Cascades

Jay grew up in the Puget Sound area where his father worked as a biology teacher at Garfield High School and his mother, a homemaker and artist, worked at Sears and Roebuck. Having worked his way through college by driving bulldozers, cement trucks, and painting buildings, Jay has a profound respect for workers and all work.

Jay and his wife, Trudi, raised their three boys in the sage brush and orchards of the Yakima Valley, where Jay practiced law and served as a small town prosecutor. Jay and Trudi are now the proud grandparents of two-year-old Brody.

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