



WASA NEWS
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WASA Calendar of Events

- **AASA National Conference on Education: February 15–17, 2018, Nashville, Tennessee.**
- WASA Winter Conference, Legal Issues: February 27, 2018, Four Points by Sheraton Seattle Airport South, Des Moines.
- ERNN Regional One-day Workshop Dates and Locations:
 - February 28—ESD 105Registration is open at <http://wasa-oly.org/ERNN18>.
- WASA Spring Conference for Small Schools Leaders: March 12–13, 2018, Wenatchee Convention Center, Wenatchee.
- WASA Women in Leadership: May 5, 2018, Campbell’s Resort, Chelan.
- WASA Superintendent Conference: May 6–8, 2018, Campbell’s Resort, Chelan.
- WASA/WSSDA/AWSP Equity Conference: May 23, 2018, Double Tree by Hilton, SeaTac.
- WASA/AWSP Summer Conference: June 24–26, 2018, Spokane Convention Center, Spokane.
- WASA/OSPI Special Education Conference: August 2–3, 2018, Hotel Murano, Tacoma.

Legislative Report

- The 2018 Legislative Session has reached its mid-point (Day 30 of 60, on February 6). Many major issues—including key K–12 legislation—continue to move through the process. The overriding concern of WASA’s 2018 Legislative Platform is successfully moving positive “fixes” to EHB 2242, the so-called *McCleary* Solution, adopted last year. Several vehicles to adopt those fixes are being reviewed and acted upon in both houses. SB 6362 in the Senate and HB 2721, or HB 2717, in the House are the current vehicles that include a series of fixes, including the levy/LEA structure; regionalization; a state salary schedule and staff mix; and special education. Since first heard in the third week of session, the bills have transformed and will continue to transform throughout the session. You are encouraged to engage with your legislators—tell your “story” so they understand the need for the fixes that we have been advocating for. Continue to monitor WASA’s *TWIO* for up-to-date information on the status of those fixes: www.wasa-oly.org/TWIO.
- On February 15, the Economic & Revenue Forecast Council will release its update of projected state revenues. Shortly after, both houses (beginning with the Senate) are expected to quickly release and move 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget proposals. Those proposals will provide some hints about what legislators intend to do regarding EHB 2242 fixes, as discussed above, as well as whether there is an intention to follow Governor Inslee’s lead to provide another \$1.0 billion to K–12 education to comply with the Supreme Court’s November 15, 2017, order. At this point, this fast-moving session will begin to move even faster as the legislators race to finish their business before the scheduled end date of March 8. As noted above, continued engagement from administrators will be crucial to our success.
- As WASA continues to push for “fixes” to EHB 2242, we continue to strive to provide administrators with any necessary assistance in understanding the changing landscape, as envisioned by EHB 2242. The EHB 2242 resource page on the WASA website continues to evolve and be updated. The page includes summaries; an analysis of allowable enrichment activities; information on levy ballot propositions; levy communication strategies; and information on the legislation addressing fixes to 2242. For the most up-to-date on information surrounding the *McCleary* Plan, check the resource page often at <http://bit.ly/2xxrYMq>.

Other WASA News

- **Vacancies on the WASA Board:** WASA is currently seeking nominations for the following Board of Directors' leadership positions:

- Instructional Program Administrators Component Chair-elect (IPAC)
- Business and Personnel Administrators Component Chair (BPAC)
- Principals Components
- Superintendents Components

If you are interested in filling one of these WASA Board positions or nominating someone, please contact Executive Director Bill Keim at bkeim@wasa-oly.org or 360.943.5717. Deadline for candidates to submit their interest is February 23. Elections will take place in March.

- **Professional Liability Insurance Policy:** Beginning February 1, 2018, the Professional Liability Insurance Policy will increase in coverage from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. The policy even provides protection for non-members for events that occurred while they were a WASA member. The WASA Board voted last year to upgrade coverage for all members. In addition, WASA members may purchase additional coverage at their own expense. If you are interested in further information, contact Andy Wolf at awolf@wasa-oly.org.
- **WASA New Executive Director Recruitment:** The application window for the new Executive Director closed January 29. The Executive Board with the assistance of Dennis Ray, of Northwest Leadership Associates, will be moving forward in the process to screen and select candidates to be interviewed. The position will be offered to the selected candidate by March 9. The new Executive Director will assume the position beginning July 2, 2018.
- **Applications for the Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator** are being accepted through March 21, 2018. See the WASA website at <http://bit.ly/2DNmTQH> for the application and more information.
- **Dr. Howard M. Coble Scholarship for Under-Represented Education Leaders:** A scholarship has been established to assist talented, under-represented educators to pursue graduate studies that prepare for central office leadership positions. Application information will be posted on the WASA's website beginning February 19. Further information can be found at <http://bit.ly/2GR7Zdd>.
- **AASA Governing Board Positions:** Nominations are needed for the AASA Governing Board elections to be held in May. Two positions will be open—one eastside and one westside. If you are interested in filling either of these AASA Governing positions or nominating someone, please contact Executive Director Bill Keim at bkeim@wasa-oly.org or 360.943.5717.
- **Please Update Your WASA Profile:** Just as districts around the state are asked for staff and student demographics, WASA often receives requests regarding our members' gender, race, and ethnicity. This information is helpful when specific invitations are made for members to serve on committees, task forces, or workgroups. In addition, we are also asked for members from a mix of geographic area (east/west) and/or size of district (small to large) as needed. Please take a moment to update your membership profile to assist us in appropriately responding to the requests we receive. Go to WASA's website at www.wasa-oly.org to log in/My WASA Profile/Update. Please see a WASA Executive to have your photo taken to be included with your profile.
- **"Who's telling your story?"** Consider sharing your school and district stories with WASA for posting on the WASA website and in *Hotline*. Please send information and pictures to Tricia McCosh at pmccosh@wasa-oly.org.