



2019–20 CANDIDATE FOR WASA PRESIDENT-ELECT

BRIAN L. TALBOTT

Superintendent of the Nine Mile Falls School District

GOALS

If elected, I would:

- seek unity amongst WASA members and other educational organizations to collectively advocate on behalf of each student regardless of zip code;
- unabashedly champion for our public schools and their leaders;
- proudly support WASA leadership and staff as they provide essential services; and
- authentically model servant leadership to WASA and its membership.

DEAR WASA COLLEAGUES/FRIENDS:

It is truly an honor to have been encouraged to run for the position of WASA President-elect. The obstacles we face as 295 school districts, nine educational service districts, along with other educational agencies and partners are vast and unparalleled. Collectively, we must commit in earnest to stand strong and unified for the million plus students attending public schools across this great state.

Each school district and certainly each school is uniquely different in demographics, needs, challenges, etc. As WASA members, we are charged with providing excellent educational opportunities while also supporting the mental, physical, and emotional needs of the whole child. Our work is both difficult and exciting; it is not for the weak of heart or mind. Courage is needed and necessary, and I am grateful to work with so many committed and dedicated servant leaders.

During this past summer I spoke with many of you, hearing and sharing in the hurt and angst of what was perhaps the most intense of any negotiations season prior. If nothing else, I was comforted by the voice on the other end of the line that reminded me I was not alone. We can count on one another, our WASA family, when things are difficult. Now is not the time to slow down or pull back on the reins. It is incumbent upon us to continue to be mindful of WASA's mantra ... Leadership, Trust, Advocacy. Those three words do not just magically happen; they take time, energy, and the desire to foster strong and lasting relationships. I believe now, more than ever, we must work together, reach out to one another, and use the power of our relationships to set the course moving forward. WASA is our vehicle to do just that. I am proud of what this organization stands for and I would consider it an incredible honor to serve as the WASA President-elect.

Thank you for your continued service to our students, staff, schools, and communities.

**“On matters of style, swim with the current;
on matters of principle, stand like a rock.”**

THOMAS JEFFERSON

BRIAN L. TALBOTT

Superintendent of the Nine Mile Falls School District

WASA SERVICE AND AWARDS

- 2010–Present NEWASA ESD 101 Executive Board Member
- 2017–18 NEWASA ESD 101 President
- 2016 WASA Student Achievement Leadership Award
- 2012–17 WASA Legislation and Finance Committee
- 2012–14 WASA Board
- 2012–13 WASA Superintendent Component Chair
- 2010–15 WASA Representative to the Eastern Washington University PEAB
- 2008 WASA Award of Merit
- 2000–Present WASA Member

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION

- 2018–Present Board Member, Junior Achievement Eastern Washington/North Idaho
- 2016–Present WIAA District 7 Superintendent Representative
- 2014–Present Lake Spokane Chamber of Commerce
- 2012–14 Co-Chair of the K–12 Roundtable (Greater Spokane Incorporated)
- 2011–Present Board Chair, United Schools Insurance Program (Clear Risk Solutions)
- 2011–Present NE Washington Information Service Center Advisory Committee
- 2010–11 President, Spokane County Superintendents
- 2009–Present Member, K–12 Roundtable (Greater Spokane Incorporated)
- 2006–Present Board Member, United Schools Insurance Program (Clear Risk Solutions)



EDUCATION

- 2002–04 Superintendent Cohort and Certification, Seattle Pacific University
- 1994–96 Master of Education, Educational Leadership, Eastern Washington University
- 1988–93 Bachelor of Arts, Major in Language Arts, Minor in Physical Education, Eastern Washington University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2008–Present Superintendent, Nine Mile Falls School District #325–179
- 2005–08 Superintendent, White Pass School District #303
- 2000–05 Principal, White Pass Jr./Sr. High School
- 1993–00 Teacher, White Pass Jr./Sr. High School