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**WASA Calendar of Events**

- **WASA/WSSDA/WASBO Legislative Conference: January 28-29, 2018, South Puget Sound Community College/Capitol Campus, Olympia. Registration is now open. For further information visit <http://wasa-oly.org/leg18>.**
- ERNN Regional One-day Workshop Dates and Locations:
  - January 31—ESD 101
  - February 7—Red Lion Hotel, SeaTac
  - February 28—ESD 105
- 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
- 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**

- At its October meeting, the WASA Board of Directors adopted WASA's 2018 Legislative Platform. The centerpiece of the 2018 Platform is the ongoing effort to hold the Legislature accountable for delivering on the state's "paramount duty," complying with the Supreme Court's orders in the *McCleary* education funding decision. A major focus for WASA, as well as the rest of the education community, in 2018 will be advocating for revisions of the adopted Education Funding Plan, EHB 2242. The WASA Legislative Platform identifies a set of the highest priority fixes necessary to effectively implement the bill: (1) special education funding, (2) salary allocations and a state salary schedule, (3) levy authority and Local Effort Assistance, and (4) regionalization methodology. The Platform also continues our advocacy in support of a series of required updates to school construction—with the priority being adoption of a full 2017-19 Capital Budget. The Platform closes with our ongoing request to enhance current state revenues to ensure the Legislature is able to fully comply with its paramount duty to fully fund basic education and also prevent drastic reductions of other necessary government services. WASA's full 2018 Legislative Platform is available on the WASA website ([www.wasa-oly.org](http://www.wasa-oly.org)) under "Government Relations."
- WASA continues to analyze EHB 2242 to ensure we can provide administrators with any necessary assistance as Washington's K-12 system converts to a new funding structure, along with a new salary allocation framework, and a new local funding model. WASA has created a page on the WASA website to house EHB 2242 resources. The page includes summaries, an analysis of allowable enrichment activities, information on levy ballot propositions, and levy communication strategies. The page is regularly updated, so continue to check back at <http://bit.ly/2xxrYMq>.
- The Local Funding Work Group (LFWG), comprised of WASA, WASBO, WSSDA, WSPA, AEA and AWSP, has adopted its shortlist of priorities for the 2018 Legislative Session. The priorities focus on necessary "fixes" to EHB 2242, the recently adopted Education Funding Plan. Like WASA's 2018 Legislative Platform, the LFWG will be urging the Legislature to: delay implementation of the new levy and LEA policy, increase per-student funding for special education (by increasing the "excess

cost multiplier”), and implement a simplified, mandatory state salary schedule that retains a staff mix factor. While the priorities have been adopted, a one-page handout is still being developed; it will be disseminated when it is finalized.

- Following the October 24 oral arguments in the *McCleary* case, the Supreme Court issued a new Order. On November 15, Justices declared that the State (that is, the Legislature) “has satisfied the Court’s mandate to fully fund the program of basic education” as established by ESHB 2261 (2009) and SHB 2776 (2010)—except for funding for staff salaries. They clarified that the new salary model adopted as a part of the Education Funding Plan (EHB 2242) “provides for full State funding of basic education salaries sufficient to recruit and retain competent teachers, administrator, and staff.” They noted, however, that the necessary salary increases are not fully funded by the 2018–19 school year, as ordered by the Court. Accordingly, the Court will continue to retain jurisdiction in the case, maintain the contempt order, and maintain the current \$100,000 per day sanction, with the expectation that the Legislature will take action to fully comply with the Court’s order by March 8—the final day of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session. Following receipt of briefs from the State and the plaintiffs (NEWS), the Court will reconvene and “immediately address” whether there is compliance or if additional remedial measures are needed. The Court’s November 15 Order is here: <http://bit.ly/2jtLWHp>. A one-page summary of the Order is available from NEWS at <http://bit.ly/2AgQbbJ>. Additionally, WASA issued a press release regarding the Order: <http://bit.ly/2z6YW7L>.

### **Other WASA News**

- **WASA New Executive Director Recruitment Timeline:** As reported in the October *Hotline*, WASA Executive Director Bill Keim has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2018. At their October 9 meeting, the WASA Board adopted the process and timeline for the selection of a new Executive Director. Dennis Ray, of Northwest Leadership Associates, will be conducting the search on behalf of the Board. The following key dates are part of the overall recruitment and selection timeline:

<b>Recruitment and Selection Steps:</b>	
Position posted on the WASA website.	November 9, 2017
The application window closes.	January 29, 2018
Applicant screening and selection of candidates to be interviewed.	February 9, 2018
Interviews scheduled with the selected candidates to be interviewed.	February 14, 2018
WASA members notified about candidates to be interviewed.	February 15, 2018
Interviews conducted.	March 1-2, 2018
Conference call for Board’s acceptance of candidate.	March 5-9, 2018
Position offered to selected candidate.	March 5-9, 2018
Board action to approve a contract with the selected candidate.	March 16, 2018
Press release and notification to WASA membership about the new Executive Director.	March 16, 2018
New Executive Director assumes the position.	July 2, 2018

- **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 work groups. 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](http://www.wasa-oly.org) to log in/My WASA Profile/Update. You may also upload a photograph to include on 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](mailto:pmccosh@wasa-oly.org).

