



WASA NEWS

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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 105Registration is open at <http://wasa-oly.org/ERNN18>
- 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

- The 2018 Legislative Session began on January 8. This is the second year of the 65th Legislature and is scheduled for 60 days. The focus of WASA's legislative advocacy—along with most of the education community—will be centered on necessary revisions to the Education Funding Plan (EHB 2242) adopted at the end of the 2017 Legislative Session. 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. WASA's full 2018 Legislative Platform is available at: <http://bit.ly/2mycanG>.
- 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 LFWG priorities, which are very similar to WASA's 2018 Legislative Platform, will be to urge 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. The LFWG priorities document is available at: <http://bit.ly/2jrMaXU>.
- 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>.
- On December 14, Governor Inslee released his 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget request. Inslee's fairly modest \$961 million (net) spending increase includes a funding shift and additional resources to ensure K–12 education is provided with an additional \$950 million for basic education salaries in the 2018 school year. This would bring the state in full compliance with the Supreme

Court's November 15, 2017, Order. For full details of Governor Inslee's budget (and an explanation of his proposed solution to fund basic education salaries), please see WASA's December 14 Special Edition *TWIO* at: <http://wasa-oly.org/twio>.

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:

Recruitment and Selection Steps:	
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 2, 2018
Conference call for Board's acceptance of candidate.	March 5 or 6, 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

- **2018-19 WASA President-elect Candidate Recruitment:** Past President Lois Davies is looking for potential candidates for 2018-19 WASA President-elect. Please submit suggestions to Lois at ldavies@pateros.org. Candidates must be from westside Washington.
- **Howard M. Coble Scholarship for Under-Represented Education Leaders:** A new scholarship is being established to assist talented, under-represented educators to pursue graduate studies that prepare for central office leadership positions. More information about the \$5,000 scholarship will be available later this winter.
- **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 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.