

# WASA HOTLINE

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## From the Executive Director



**Joel Aune**  
WASA Executive  
Director

Friends and  
Colleagues,

Today is the midpoint of the 2020 Legislative Session, with the last day of the session (March 11) now in sight. Candidly, it has become apparent that new funding for schools will be in short

supply for this session. Statements made by legislators foreshadow a limited potential for additional funding to address our priorities for schools. So, what is the point in expending time and energy to continue engaging legislators when it appears our prospects may be limited this session?

I would suggest that continued relationships with legislators at this time may be more important than ever, considering the current landscape here in Olympia. What is the current landscape? Many legislators believe that K–12 has been taken care of, and it is time to turn their attention to other issues and priorities. Some cite “McCleary Fatigue.” Several assert ample funding has already been provided and choose to blame school districts for giving away that funding through collective bargaining. Still, others maintain that school districts simply need to sharpen their pencils and solve these problems locally. While nothing could be further from the truth, diminishing levels of engagement from WASA members would likely be perceived by legislators as confirming their points of view.

The needs and priorities outlined in WASA’s [2020 Legislative Platform](#) remain as relevant and as important as ever. Consequently, we need to stay the course, persistently drive a common message, and continue to invest time and energy in the effort to educate, inform, and influence legislators. Any funds that we can secure for schools this

session will be helpful. Supporting good policy, while speaking in opposition to policy that is harmful to schools and students is of great significance. Perhaps most importantly, we believe your perseverance to be essential in laying a foundation and establishing momentum for the 2021 Session when legislators will be adopting policy and setting a budget for the next biennium.

Thus far, WASA members have put forward a strong and consistent voice this Legislative Session, with a visible presence here during the past five weeks. In fact, nearly 500 school leaders and school board members gathered in Olympia last Sunday to reaffirm [priorities](#) and advocate for K–12 education. Effective legislative advocacy is not a one-and-done proposition, however. I encourage you to sustain this effort through the end of the session. And for those who have not yet taken the opportunity to engage with legislators, it’s not too late. During the next 30 days, legislators will be making decisions and taking action that will impact your schools and the students who attend them.

I hope you will monitor legislative developments by reading [TWIO](#) or tuning in to Dan Steele’s [weekly podcast](#). Stocked with this information, I encourage you to contact legislators by visiting Olympia, making a phone call, or writing a brief email.

Your efforts in this regard do matter. Collectively, we can make a difference in the current session while laying the foundation for a strong and compelling push in 2021. Thank you for joining in this important endeavor. Together, we can get positive things done for kids.

Respectfully,

## Recruitment for WASA Board of Directors' Positions

WASA is seeking nominations for the following Board of Directors' leadership positions. Terms begin July 1, 2020.

- Superintendents Component Chair-elect (3-year commitment)
- Instructional Program Administrators Component (IPAC) Chair-elect (3-year commitment)
- Business and Personnel Administrators Component (BPAC) Chair (2-year commitment)
- Business and Personnel Administrators Component (BPAC) Chair-elect (3-year commitment)
- Principals Component Chair (2-year commitment)

If you are interested in filling one of these WASA Board positions or nominating a colleague, please contact Joel Aune at [jaune@wasa-oly.org](mailto:jaune@wasa-oly.org) for more information by February 17.

## Gallagher Howard M. Coble Scholarship for Under-Represented Educational Leaders

The scholarship created in honor of Dr. Howard M. Coble, former WASA Executive Director, to assist talented, underrepresented educators in pursuing graduate studies that prepare for central office leadership positions will open on February 19. A \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to one educator pursuing graduate studies in education leadership by the fall of 2020. Gallagher now provides funding for this scholarship opportunity, which is in its third year. Applications will be available on the [WASA website](#). For questions, contact Shari Parsons at [sparsons@wasa-oly.org](mailto:sparsons@wasa-oly.org) or 360.943.5717. The application deadline is March 30, 2020.

## PEMCO Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator Awards

Applications for the PEMCO Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator Awards are being accepted. Three awards are presented each year to a highly effective superintendent, central office administrator, or building administrator from a small, medium, and large school district. A \$10,500 award will be equally divided among the winners. The award may be used for personal or professional growth and/or to support and disseminate information about a successful school or district program. Nominees must be active members of AWSP or WASA to be eligible. The application deadline is March 19, 2020. For further information and the application, please visit the [WASA website](#). For questions, contact Shari Parsons at [sparsons@wasa-oly.org](mailto:sparsons@wasa-oly.org) or 360.943.5717.

## AASA CORNER

### Public Schools Week— February 24–28

[Public Schools Week](#) is a nation-wide celebration to highlight the great things happening in public schools. Last month, AASA members received an invitation from Executive Director Dan Domenech to pledge their support for public schools through [PublicSchoolProud.org](http://PublicSchoolProud.org). The pledge, in conjunction with Public Schools Week, is a visible show of support for public schools. All WASA members are encouraged to consider participating in the pledge, while inviting staff, students, parents, and community patrons to do the same.

### Northwest Reception

(Held in conjunction with the AASA National Conference on Education)

Friday, February 14, 2020  
Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina  
333 West Harbor Drive  
San Diego, CA 92101  
Torrey Pines Room  
5–7 p.m.

Hosted by:  
Alaska Council of School Administrators  
Montana Association of School Superintendents  
Confederation of Oregon School Administrators  
Washington Association of School Administrators



### ARE YOU CONNECTED TO WASA?

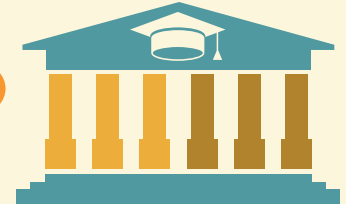
Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for information on upcoming conferences and workshops, legislative news and updates, and school news.



# Washington Student Achievement Council FAFSA Completion Initiative

In partnership with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Washington Student Achievement Council now offers a FAFSA Completion Portal, making student FAFSA completion data available to schools.

**FAFSA completion is a critical indicator of what students plan to do beyond high school.** Studies show that over 90 percent of the students who complete the FAFSA enroll at postsecondary institutions within 12 months of graduation.



**The FAFSA Completion Portal provides regularly updated FAFSA data for 12th grade students,** allowing districts to track whether individual students have filed a FAFSA and whether their FAFSA submission has errors.



Counselors will be able to track student progress and provide individual support and services **to help more students access financial aid.**



In order to begin using the portal, each district **must complete a signed data usage agreement** and designate a district point-person for portal access.



To receive a data usage agreement, or if you have additional questions, contact Ross Boylan, Data Manager for College Access & Support, by phone at 360-753-7785 or by email at [fafsa@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:fafsa@wsac.wa.gov).

## Who's Telling Your Story?

### DRUMTASTIC Fitness Drumming in Mount Vernon SD

Source: Celina Rodriguez, Public Information Specialist,  
Mount Vernon SD

Mount Vernon School District elementary physical educators have joined forces with the Mount Vernon Public Schools Foundation and parent groups to bring DRUMTASTIC fitness drumming to all elementary Physical Education programs starting this month. Fitness drumming has been shown to promote greater inclusivity, improve fitness, build brain connections, improve coordination, and decrease behavior issues. The curriculum will rotate from school to school, and has been a huge success during its pilot run at Centennial these last few weeks.



## Want to Tell Your Story?

WASA is looking for stories on the great learning and teaching taking place in our Washington schools. To "Tell Your Story," please send information, pictures, materials, etc., to Tricia McCosh at [pmccosh@wasa-oly.org](mailto:pmccosh@wasa-oly.org).

## Upcoming Awards & Scholarships

### PEMCO ROBERT J. HANDY MOST EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATOR AWARDS

One highly effective superintendent, central office administrator, or building administrator will be selected from a small district (up to 500 students), medium-sized district (501–2,000 students), and large district (over 2,000 students).

**Application Process: January 15–March 19, 2020**

### GALLAGHER HOWARD M. COBLE SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNDER-REPRESENTED EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

Designed to assist talented, under-represented educators in pursuing graduate studies that prepare for central office leadership positions.

**Application Process: February 19–March 30, 2020**

### PIPER SANDLER DOYLE E. WINTER SCHOLARSHIP FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION

Designed to assist talented and committed educational administrators as they enhance those skills and abilities needed to serve as educational leaders in the field of K–12 public education.

**Application Process: February 28–April 23, 2020**

### WASA HONORARY AWARDS STATE AWARDS

The state awards include the Golden Gavel, D.A. Davidson Barbara Mertens Legacy, Service to WASA, and WASA Leadership.

**Application Process: March 1–May 1, 2020**

### REGION AWARDS

These awards are handled at the regional level and include the Award of Merit, WASA Student Achievement Leadership, Twenty-Year, Retirement, and Community Leadership.

**Application Process: March 1–May 1, 2020 (deadlines vary by region)**

### SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

The Superintendent of the Year program is designed to recognize the outstanding leadership of active, frontline superintendents.

**Application Process: May 1–October 1, 2020**

To review the criteria for the various awards, visit the WASA website at <http://bit.ly/2g3DV0W>. More information will be included in future editions of *Hotline*.

# Event Calendar

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## WASA MENTOR ACADEMY SESSION TWO

February 23–24 | Four Points by Sheraton Seattle Airport South

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## WASA EARLY CAREER SUPERINTENDENT ACADEMY SESSION TWO

February 23–24 | Four Points by Sheraton Seattle Airport South

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## INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES YEAR 1 COACHING AND SUPPORTING INCLUSIVE PRACTICES

February 25 (West) and February 26 (East)

[View details](#)

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## WASA SPRING CONFERENCE FOR SMALL SCHOOLS LEADERS

March 9–10 | Wenatchee Convention Center  
Register now at [www.wasa-oly.org/Spring20](http://www.wasa-oly.org/Spring20).

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## INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES DISTRICT LEADERSHIP WEBINAR SERIES

March 16 | Zoom

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## WASA SPECIAL EDUCATION ACADEMY COHORT II ZOOM MEETING

March 17 | Zoom

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## WASA SPECIAL EDUCATION ACADEMY COHORT I ZOOM MEETING

March 17 | Zoom

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## WASA EARLY CAREER SUPERINTENDENT ACADEMY ZOOM MEETING

March 25 | Zoom

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## INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES DISTRICT LEADERSHIP WEBINAR SERIES

April 20 | Zoom

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## WASA WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

April 25 | Campbell's Resort, Chelan  
Registration opens February 5.

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## WASA SUPERINTENDENT CONFERENCE

April 26–28 | Campbell's Resort, Chelan  
Registration opens February 5.

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## INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES STATEWIDE DISTRICT TEAM CONVENING

May 6–7 | TBD

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## WASA EARLY CAREER SUPERINTENDENT ACADEMY ZOOM MEETING

May 18 | Zoom

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## WASA/AWSP/WSSDA EQUITY CONFERENCE

May 20 | DoubleTree by Hilton, SeaTac  
Registration opens February 26.

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## WASA SPECIAL EDUCATION ACADEMY COHORT I ZOOM MEETING

May 27 | Zoom

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## WASA SPECIAL EDUCATION ACADEMY COHORT II ZOOM MEETING

May 27 | Zoom

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## INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES DISTRICT LEADERSHIP WEBINAR SERIES

June 22 | Zoom

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## WSLA SUMMER STATEWIDE WORKSHOP

June 26 | Davenport Grand Hotel, Spokane

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## WASA/AWSP SUMMER CONFERENCE

June 28–30 | Spokane Convention Center  
Registration and housing are open [here](#).

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## WASA INCOMING SUPERINTENDENT CONFERENCE

July 20–21 | TBD

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## WASA/OSPI SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

July 30–31 | Hotel Murano, Tacoma

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## INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES YEAR 1 STATEWIDE DISTRICT TEAM CONVENING

August 12 | TBD

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## INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES YEAR 2 STATEWIDE DISTRICT TEAM CONVENING

August 12–13 | TBD

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## WASA FALL CONFERENCE

October 6 | Four Points by Sheraton Seattle Airport South

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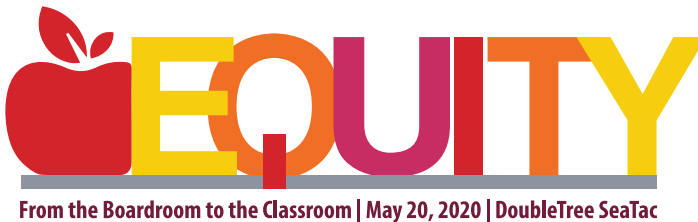




Registration and housing are open for the 2020 AWSP/WASA Summer Conference! Don't miss the preconference offerings, view details [here](#).

All AWSP and WASA members received an email on Monday, January 27 with an auto-login link which will take you directly into the registration site.

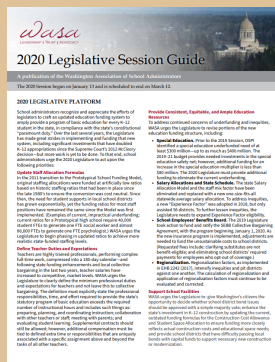
If you are an AWSP or WASA member and did not receive an email please contact [Macy Bruhy](#) at 360.357.7951 or [macy@awsp.org](mailto:macy@awsp.org). AWSP is the office of record for the 2020 conference.



Save the Date! Registration opens February 26 at [www.wasa-oly.org/Equity20](http://www.wasa-oly.org/Equity20). Details are updated as they become available.

## The 2020 Legislative Session Guide is Now Available!

Engage with your legislators during this session of the 67th Washington State Legislature. Use this [session guide](#) to align your messages with WASA's 2020 Legislative Platform and find up-to-date contact information.



Registration is open for the 2020 WASA Superintendent Conference!

### ABOUT

WASA's Superintendent Conference, *What You Do Matters*, provides the opportunity for superintendents to gather to learn with and from each other in a relaxed atmosphere. The conference will give you a chance to sort through and address some of the most pressing issues you are faced with as a superintendent. As always, you will hear from your colleagues as well as national and state leaders.

Registration is limited to superintendents. Superintendent spouse/partner guests may participate in the receptions and dinners (see registration for details).

### Keynote Speakers



[George Couros](#)



[John Draper](#)

### Other Speakers

OSPI Updates  
Chris Reykdal

Federal Legislative Updates  
Chris Rogers

State Legislative Updates  
Dan Steele

Register and learn more at [www.wasa-oly.org/Supt20](http://www.wasa-oly.org/Supt20).

## small schools



WASA SPRING CONFERENCE FOR SMALL SCHOOLS LEADERS  
MARCH 9-10 | WENATCHEE CONVENTION CENTER

Registration is open for the 2020 WASA Spring Conference designed for small schools leaders. Register now at [www.wasa-oly.org/Spring20](http://www.wasa-oly.org/Spring20).

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Kevin Honeycutt  
Small Schools, Big Hopes, Big Dreams,  
Big Futures



Peg Portscheller  
Shaping a Proud Legacy



Sean Covell  
The Word That Shapes our World

View full conference details including breakout sessions at [www.wasa-oly.org/Spring20](http://www.wasa-oly.org/Spring20).



## TWIO: This Week in Olympia

Don't forget to check out the latest news happening in Olympia every Friday during session! Your copy of This Week In Olympia is waiting in your email inbox and online at [www.wasa-oly.org/twio](http://www.wasa-oly.org/twio).



# WOMEN IN leadership

APRIL 25, 2020 | CAMPBELL'S RESORT, CHELAN



The 5th Annual WASA Women in Leadership Conference is designed for and is open to current and aspiring women district administrators. Join us to expand your network, learn from, and converse with women colleagues from across the state as we continue our journey to address the issue of attracting, mentoring, and retaining women in administrative leadership roles. We encourage you to "tap a shoulder" and promote participation by other female administrators, or aspiring women leaders, in your district.

Register and learn more at [www.wasa-oly.org/WIL20](http://www.wasa-oly.org/WIL20).

# WASA LEGISLATIVE PODCAST

with Dan Steele

Throughout the 2020 Legislative Session, Assistant Executive Director Dan Steele will be posting short, informative podcast episodes on a regular basis. This podcast focuses on key legislative issues to keep WASA members informed of hot topics and emerging conversations in Olympia. Learn how to subscribe by visiting <https://wasa-oly.org/LegPodcast>.

## Spotlight on a WASA Diamond-Level Sponsor



For more than 30 years, PEMCO Mutual Insurance has partnered with WASA, supporting education leaders and shining a light on excellence in the education community. That relationship traces back to PEMCO's founder, Robert J. Handy, a former Seattle math and journalism teacher. Handy recognized the vital role education played in the state's economy, but for teachers, he understood firsthand it was no quick path to wealth. In 1949, he founded member-owned (mutual) PEMCO Insurance Company to help fellow struggling teachers afford to insure their cars. His compassion fueled the company's mission to free its communities to worry less and live more. As PEMCO grew, membership expanded to include all residents of Washington and Oregon and the protection extended to their homes, condos, rental homes, and boats. School employees continue to receive an exclusive discount on their insurance.

Today, PEMCO is still member-owned—answering to Main Street, not Wall Street—and focuses on saying Y.E.S. to community priorities: Youth & Education, the Environment, and Safety.

Throughout 2020, you'll see PEMCO standing with WASA lending support to:

- PEMCO Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator Awards
- Spring Conference for Small Schools Leaders
- Superintendents Component Conference
- WASA/AWSP Summer Conference
- Incoming Superintendents Conference
- Fall Conference

Having just marked its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, PEMCO continues to defend what matters most to its Northwest members in ways that have earned it [regional recognition](#). To learn more about PEMCO Insurance, visit your local PEMCO agent or [pemco.com](http://pemco.com).

**Harris Clarke (Vice President, Claims, Customer Service & Sales)**  
**MJ Vigil (Vice President, Chief People & Brand Officer)**

### Fusing strengths to do more, for more

PEMCO's work with WASA is one of many ways it partners with like-minded organizations to benefit education.

In its second annual [Supply Surge](#), PEMCO led the efforts of 34 Seattle-area businesses to collect school supplies for homeless students. The result? More than 195,000 supplies (from backpacks to composition notebooks) collected to give 8,700 middle- and high-school students the tools they need to succeed.

## Welcome New Members!

Kellie Clay, Battle Ground SD  
Sean McKenzie, Bethel SD  
Charles Fleming, Capital Region ESD 113  
Ana Ketch, Centralia SD  
Don Brummett, Chief Leschi School  
Jeannine Marilla, Chief Leschi School  
Michelle Ziminsky, Chief Leschi School  
Debra Shanafelt, Clover Park SD  
Justin Irish, Edmonds SD  
Randi Seaberg, Everett PS  
Kellie Larrabee, Ferndale SD  
Diann Zavala, Kiona-Benton City SD  
Sarah Clarke, Lake Chelan SD  
Mike Weatherbie, Lake Stevens SD  
Justyna King, Lake Washington SD  
Jeanette Grisham, Lakewood SD  
Leanne Lafferty, NCESD 171  
Janet Paeth, North Kitsap SD  
David Spencer, Othello SD  
Kim Brodie, PSESD 121  
Keisha Scarlett, Seattle PS  
Robert Clark, Sequim SD  
Mona Johnson, South Kitsap SD  
Sandra Birley, Toppenish SD  
Brian Dunlap, Vancouver PS  
Craig Homnick, Vancouver PS  
Jami Phelps, Vancouver PS  
Zach Desjarlais, Vancouver PS  
Mark Pickel, Waitsburg SD  
Paul Gordon, Wenatchee SD  
Larry Mayfield, Wenatchee SD  
Anthony Murrietta, Yakima SD  
Will Saret, Yakima SD



Do you know someone who wants to join WASA? Tell them to visit [online](#) and sign up today!



## Region Events—February & March

Many WASA regions conduct monthly gatherings and/or provide activity reports in conjunction with ESD meetings (not listed below).

### REGION 101

February 20, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Lunch and Learn Sessions, 12–1:30 p.m., NEWESD 101, Talbott Event Center, Spokane  
March 19, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Lunch and Learn Sessions, 12–1:30 p.m., NEWESD 101, Talbott Event Center, Spokane

### PRESIDENT—ROB ROETTGER

### REGION 105

February 20, 8:00–11:30 a.m. Topic: Relationships Across the District—Heart Venture, ESD 105, Yakima  
March 19, 8:00–11:30 a.m. Topic: Graduation Pathways/Career Connected Learning, Perry Tech, Yakima

### PRESIDENT—ROGER TRAIL

### REGION 108

March 13, 12–1 p.m.

**PRESIDENT—WHITNEY MEISSNER**  
NWESD 189, Anacortes

### REGION 109

March 3, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

**PRESIDENT—DANIEL LEE**  
Topic: Legislative Update with Dan Steele, Lake Steves Educational Center, Lake Stevens

### REGION 110

March 20, 12–1 p.m.

**PRESIDENT—DONNA COLOSKY**  
PSESD 121, Renton

### REGION 111

March 20, 7:30–8:30 a.m.

**PRESIDENT—MARCI SHEPARD**  
General Member Meeting, Topic: Bargaining with a focus on student and staff safety related to student discipline, Fife Administrative Center, Fife

### REGION 112

March 20, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

### PRESIDENT—MARK ROSS

General Member Meeting, ESD 112, Vancouver

### REGION 113

February 26, 8 a.m.–9:30 a.m. Topic: Celebrating School Board Leadership (Board Chair Recognition Event), General Member Meeting, Capital Region ESD 113, PAC/GH/T Room, Tumwater  
February 26, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. SAC Meeting, Capital Region ESD 113, PAC/GH/T Room, Tumwater  
March 25, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. SAC Meeting, Capital Region ESD 113, PAC/GH/T Room, Tumwater

### PRESIDENT—JEFF DAVIS

### REGION 114

February 28, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

### PRESIDENT—DIANE REAUME

SAC Meeting ESD 114, Room 202, Bremerton  
SAC Meeting ESD 114, Room 202, Bremerton

### REGION 123

February 13, 12–3 p.m.  
March 12, 12–3 p.m.

### PRESIDENT—WADE SMITH

SAC Meeting, ESD 123, Pasco  
SAC Meeting, ESD 123, Pasco

### REGION 171

February 20, 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.  
March 19, 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

### PRESIDENT—BARRY DEPAOLI

SAC Meeting, NCESD 171, Cottonwood Retreat Center, Wenatchee  
Topic: Strategic Planning, SAC Meeting, NCESD 171, Cottonwood Retreat Center, Wenatchee

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