



WASA News

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The WASA News is a monthly publication that provides key information to you in a concise, quick-read format. For those who want a bit more detail, links to additional information are embedded in the text of this publication. We hope you find WASA News to be an efficient way to keep abreast of new information, emerging issues, and timely resources. Be reminded that previous issues of the WASA News can be found on our [website](#).

*"When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself."
—Tecumseh*

Dear %%Lisa%%,

Last week, you received a communication which announced the opening of WASA's Honorary Awards nominations for 2021–22. **The Honorary Awards Committee** has made some changes that I want to reinforce and amplify.

Three of the awards now have a clearer and prominent recognition of leadership for equity, embedded in the awards criteria. The **Award of Merit** and **Student Achievement Leadership Award** acknowledge and highlight work that champions access, equity, and social justice for the improvement of student achievement. Last year, the committee created a new award, the **WASA Student Leadership Award**, which recognizes outstanding student leaders who have created or played a significant leadership role in initiatives that promote access, equity, or social justice in their school and community.

The unrelenting challenge, stress, and pressure of the past two years has been difficult, to say the least. You have been consumed with firefighting and often managing the worst in others. These times however, have also brought out the best in school district leaders and the community. There are so many stories that illustrate the best of the human spirit. The leadership from individuals in the community and from you has been nothing short of remarkable. I shudder to think where our schools and the students in them would be without you and those who have worked with you to ensure the relentless pursuit of what is best and right for children.

Amidst the bad, there is so much good. WASA's Honorary Awards program provides you an opportunity to recognize these heroes, tell their stories, and express heartfelt gratitude. For more details on these awards, scroll down a bit further in this communication.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'G. Joel Aune'.

G. Joel Aune
Executive Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Lunch & Learn for Bargainers** March 4 via Zoom | 12–1 p.m. | Complimentary!
- **ERNN Regional Conference** March 9 in Spokane | March 16 in Tumwater | March 23 in Yakima
- **WASA Spring Conference for Small Schools Leaders** March 21–22 | Wenatchee
- **Women in Leadership Conference** April 30 | Lake Chelan
- **WASA Superintendents Conference** May 1–3 | Lake Chelan
- **WSACSD New Teacher Institute** May 10, 17 via Zoom | 4–5:30 p.m. | Complimentary for WSACSD members!
- **WASA/AWSP Summer Conference—Celebrating 40 Years** June 26–28 | Spokane

[Click here](#) to download the most recent version of the WASA event calendar.



JOIN WASA'S 2022 SPRING CONFERENCE FOR SMALL SCHOOL LEADERS March 21–22 | Wenatchee

WASA is excited to be in-person for the 2022 WASA Spring Conference for Small Schools Leaders, featuring keynoters **Shelley Moore** and **John Norlin**! If you are a leader in a district with 2,500 or fewer FTE, this conference is designed for YOU. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from and with your colleagues from across the state through content developed to meet your unique needs as a small schools leader. You can find out more and register [here](#).



CELEBRATING WOMEN AT THE ANNUAL WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE April 30 | Lake Chelan

The 2022 Women in Leadership Annual Conference will take place at Campbell's Resort in beautiful Lake Chelan! This full day learning experience will feature two amazing women leaders: **Parvati Shallow** and **Christy Keating**. Parvati will focus on empowering your own leadership while Christy will lead a conversation in empowering the women leaders around you. Find out more [here](#).



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR WASA SUPERINTENDENTS CONFERENCE

May 1-3 | Lake Chelan

The 2022 Superintendents Conference will take place at Campbell's Resort in beautiful Lake Chelan! This three-day learning experience will feature three amazing keynote speakers: **Doug Baldwin**, **Scott Barry Kaufman**, and **Peter DeWitt**. General sessions and breakout sessions will complement the keynote speakers during this conference. Register [here](#).



REGISTER FOR THE WASA/AWSP 2022 SUMMER CONFERENCE!

June 26-28 | Spokane

WASA and AWSP are excited to host the **2022 WASA/AWSP Summer Conference** held in-person at the Spokane Convention Center this year. Join us for an opportunity to network and learn with fellow school leaders. This is a year of celebration—not only because it's the **40th** Anniversary of the WASA/AWSP Summer Conference—but also because school leaders like you have overcome unimaginable obstacles during the past three school years.

This year's theme is "You Belong Here." Sessions will focus on belonging, inclusion, collaboration, climate & culture, systems, and student learning. Hear from keynote speakers **Ben Nemtin**, **Shelley Moore**, and **Dr. Richard Antoine White**. You can learn more and register for the event [here](#).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2022 Legislative Session is in its final days and is set to adjourn on Thursday, March 10. The Legislature has entered its budget phase and Senate and House budget-writers are in process of negotiating Supplemental Operating, Capital, and Transportation Budgets. Budget-writers have a substantial budget surplus to use as they craft a final compromise Operating Budget; both Senate and House proposals increase the underlying 2021-23

Operating Budget by over \$6.0 billion. Both legislative proposals provide funding for WASA's major priorities (enhanced staffing allocations; enrollment stabilization; and pupil transportation); however, even with proposed substantial increases, both budgets would result in a net reduction in K–12 education funding, due to a nearly \$1.0 billion Maintenance Level reduction.

Continue to follow **TWIO** and WASA's **Legislative Podcast** for up-to-date information. Following the session's adjournment, be sure to review WASA's End of Session Summary to analyze the full details of the adopted 2022 Supplemental Operating and Capital Budgets. The Summary will also contain a comprehensive review of the many education-related bills the Legislature addressed this session. It will be e-mailed to all TWIO subscribers—and available on the WASA website—as soon as it is completed.

WASA PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

Nominees for 2022–23 WASA President-elect are **Michael Green**, superintendent, Woodland PS, and **Mike Villarreal**, superintendent, Hoquiam SD. Congratulations to both on being nominated to serve as WASA President Elect 2022–23. Watch for information in future issues of WASA News to learn more about the candidates. The election will be held **next August**.



Michael Green,
Superintendent,
Woodland PS



Mike Villarreal,
Superintendent,
Hoquiam SD

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Elections for WASA Board of Directors positions take place **March 1–March 8**. Click the candidates' bios for more information:

- Superintendents Component Chair-elect—**Mary Templeton**, Washougal
- Instructional Program Administrators Component (IPAC) Chair-elect—**Linda McKay**, NCESD 171
- Business and Personnel Administrators Component (BPAC) Chair-elect—**Sarah Thornton**, Pasco
- Principals Component Chair—**Matt Yarkosky**, Bethel



CELEBRATING WASA AT 50 Did you know?



School administrators play an important role in the community in which they live. The fulfillment of that role requires that their professional behavior be respected and leadership accepted by those whom are served. Our **Code of Ethics** articulates a standard that speaks to behavior outside and above the minimal standards of laws and contracts.

CONGRATS TO BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT— NAMED ONE OF THE BEST EMPLOYERS IN THE NATION 2022!

For the second year in a row, **Bethel School District** has been named one of the best mid-size employers in the nation by Forbes. You can read the article [here](#). Congratulations to Bethel on being recognized for creating a welcoming environment for your employees and students!

ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

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, medium-sized district, and large district. A \$10,500 award will be equally divided among the three recipients.

Deadline: March 21, 2022

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

A \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to an educator who is presently enrolled in or will begin graduate studies in educational leadership by the fall of 2022.

Deadline: March 28, 2022

Piper Sandler | Doyle E. Winter Scholarship

\$1,000 scholarship designed to assist a talented and committed educational administrator who is presently in or will begin a doctoral program in K–12 Public Education in 2022.

Deadline: April 21, 2022

State Honorary Awards | Deadline: May 3, 2022

- **Golden Gavel Award** The recipient shall be an individual, group, association, or firm that has made an outstanding contribution to public education in the state of Washington.
- **D.A. Davidson Barbara Martens Legacy Award** \$1,000 gift presented to an individual/group who has had a significant impact on Washington's public education.
- **Service to WASA Award** The recipient shall have made contributions at the state level toward the goals of WASA.
- **WASA Leadership Award** Recipient is a WASA Active Member who demonstrates and exemplifies outstanding leadership abilities and who has made significant contributions to the field of education statewide.

Region Honorary Awards | Deadline: Varies

Note: Region award links are dependent on your region. Contact the Region President/**Honorary Awards Committee Chair** for deadlines in your region.

- **WASA Student Achievement Leadership Award** Recognizes innovative programs that promote access, equity, or social justice for the improvement of student achievement.
- **Award of Merit** Recipients recognized for promoting access, equity, and social justice for students, as well as making a significant contribution to WASA.
- **Community Leadership Award** Recognizes a non-WASA member for outstanding contributions to education.
- **WASA Student Leadership Award** Recognizes outstanding **student leaders** who have created or played a significant leadership role in initiatives that promote access, equity, or social justice in their school and community.

For more information, please contact **Shari Parsons** at 360.489.3641.

COMMUNICATION TOOLS: PEDIATRIC VACCINE

From OSPI: The Department of Health has created toolkits for healthcare providers and for schools to help them communicate about the vaccine to parents and guardians. Here are the direct links:

- **What Parents/Guardians Should Know About Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine (PDF)**
- **COVID-19 Vaccines: Pediatric Vaccine Toolkit for Providers (PowerPoint)**

RESOURCES

WASA has developed storehouses of resources related to the **pandemic and equity**. The following have been recently uploaded to our **website**:

COVID AND PANDEMIC RESOURCES

- **5 Ways to Overcome Compassion Fatigue in K–12 Education** (District Administration)
- **Compassion Fatigue and Burnout: A Leader's Responsibility** (Center for Educational Improvement)
- **Recess Needed Now More Than Ever...** (K–12 Dive)

EQUITY

- **What is White Privilege, Really?** (Learning for Justice)
- **Research Brief: Developing Promising Practices to Promote Equity** (Hanover Research)
- **How Schools Can Support Leaders of Color, According to Experts** (Education Week)

OTHER

- **Diversifying, Expanding the Assistant Principalship Key to Repairing Leadership Pipelines** (K–12 Dive)
- **Help When Speaking to Pupils About the Invasion of Ukraine** (4myschools.org)
- **How to Talk With Students About the Russia-Ukraine War: 5 Tips** (Education Week)



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT!

This month's Sponsor Spotlight features WASA's Diamond-level sponsor—**Clear Risk Solutions**. We are grateful for their unwavering support of our members and programs! Click their link to learn more about them.

Clear Risk Solutions

Contact: **Rich Moore**

AASA CORNER

- The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) has released updated school **Behavior Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM)** resources, including a detailed guide of **best practices considerations for K-12 schools** to support BTAM training, and **guidance to uphold student civil rights** throughout behavior threat assessment.
- **AASA Launches "Live Well, Lead Well" Campaign for District Leaders**
- AASA has released a **toolkit** aimed at supporting all providers of early learning, especially school districts, as they embrace the significant responsibility of providing early childhood education.



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