



WASA NEWS

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WASA Names New Executive Director

Joel Aune, superintendent of Snoqualmie Valley School District, will serve as the association's new executive director beginning July 1. Aune will replace **Dr. Bill Keim**, who will retire this summer after leading the association for the past five years. Over the course of his 35-year educational career, Aune has served as a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent in both small and medium-sized school districts in Washington. His work reflects a mix of the state's own diverse school populations, with experience ranging from ethnically diverse and high poverty districts to affluent and high performing districts.

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WASA Calendar of Events

- **WASA Women in Leadership: May 5, 2018, Campbell's Resort, Chelan. Registration is now open at <http://bit.ly/2F3ASBF>.**
- **WASA Superintendent Conference: May 6-8, 2018, Campbell's Resort, Chelan. To register go to <http://bit.ly/2FFVAso>.**
- 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. Registration is open. To register go to <http://www.awsp.org/sc18>.
- WASA/OSPI Special Education Conference: August 2-3, 2018, Hotel Murano, Tacoma.

Legislative Report

- The 2018 Regular Legislative Session adjourned on-time, March 8. The Legislature adopted a 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget (ESSB 6032) that adds \$941.0 million in spending above the underlying 2017-19 Operating Budget. K-12 education receives an \$846.6 million (net) increase, with the largest portion going to educator salaries. The budget provides \$775.8 million for salaries in 2018 to comply with the Supreme Court's most recent *McCleary* Order. This additional funding provides for an increase in the 2018-19 minimum salary allocations for CIS, CLS, and CAS; additional detail is provided in E2SSB 6362, the *McCleary* "fix" bill. Also linked with E2SSB 6362 is: an increase in the special education multiplier (0.9309 to 0.9609); additional funding due to a minor adjustment in regionalization (impacting six districts); and funding to provide a new "experience factor" for districts with higher-than-average experience and a higher ratio of advanced to bachelor's degrees than the statewide ratio (impacting 56 districts). Adopted in separate legislation, but "booked" in the budget, is a reduction in the State Property Tax. In 2019, the State Property Tax will be reduced by \$.30 per \$1,000 AV (to approximately \$2.40 per \$1,000 AV). The 2018 spike is unaffected and the \$2.70 per \$1,000 AV is scheduled to return in 2020 and 2021. The governor will take action on the budget in the coming weeks.
- Since the 2017 Legislature adopted its "*McCleary* solution," EHB 2242, WASA and most of our education association partners have been analyzing the fiscal and practical impacts of the bill and focused our advocacy efforts in 2018 on "fixing" the legislation. Ultimately, E2SSB 6362 was adopted by the Legislature and is expected to be signed by the governor. Unfortunately, many of the key fixes WASA sought are not included in the final bill. A Salary Allocation Model is not a part of the legislation, although an "experience factor" (intended to somewhat replicate Staff Mix), as noted above, is a part of the final bill. Regionalization, as noted above, is adjusted; however, the impact is relatively minor and does not provide assistance to many of the most impacted districts in the state. In the end, no policy changes to Levy or LEA caps were successful; however, many legislators have

indicated a need to address the issue and a longer, budget session in 2019 may provide an opportunity for change. Finally, as noted above, a minor bump in the special education multiplier was successful. E2SSB 6362 includes some other positive changes, including: a one-year delay in the K-3 class size compliance; adjustments in LAP allocations to provide additional stability; and a two-year hold harmless provision.

- For additional details on the 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget and the final version of E2SSB 6362, please see the Sine Die edition of WASA's *TWIO* at <http://bit.ly/2FoEPoW>. Additionally, WASA staff has started work on our annual End of Session Report, which will include full details of the 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget, the 2017-19 Capital Budget, and the 2018 Supplemental Capital Budget, along with a comprehensive review E2SSB 6362 and 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.

Other WASA News

- **Professional Liability Insurance Policy:** The Professional Liability Insurance Policy has increased in coverage from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. This policy even provides protection for non-members for events that occurred while they were an active WASA member. The WASA Board voted last year to upgrade coverage for all members. In addition, WASA members may purchase additional coverage for a nominal fee.
- **Applications for the Robert J. Handy Most Effective Administrator** are being accepted through March 21, 2018. See the WASA website at <http://bit.ly/2DNmTQH> for the application and more information. Applications are due March 21.
- **Dr. Howard M. Coble Scholarship for Under-Represented Education Leaders:** A scholarship has been established to assist talented, under-represented educators to pursue graduate studies that prepare for central office leadership positions. Deadline to submit an application is April 2. Further information can be found at <http://bit.ly/2GR7Zdd>.
- **Dr. Doyle E. Winter Scholarship for Administrative Leadership in Education.** Awarded annually, this scholarship is to assist a school administrator who is presently in or will be starting a doctoral program in education. For more information and review the application, please see the WASA website at <http://bit.ly/2m8Qq0Q>.
- **Honorary State and Regional Awards:** The 2018 Honorary Awards process has begun. Nominations are being accepted for State awards (Golden Gavel, Barbara Mertens Legacy, Service to WASA, and WASA Leadership) and Region awards (Award of Merit, Student Achievement Leadership, Twenty-year, Retiree, and Community Leadership). For additional information and applications, see <http://bit.ly/2ma4Hdp>.
- **AASA Governing Board Positions:** Nominations are needed for the AASA Governing Board elections to be held in early May. Two positions will be open—one eastside and one westside. If you are interested in filling either of these AASA Governing positions or nominating someone, please contact Executive Director Bill Keim at bkeim@wasa-oly.org or 360.943.5717.
- **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 workgroups. In addition, we are also asked for members from a mix of geographic area (east/west) and/or size of the 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. Please see a WASA Executive to have your photo taken to be included in 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.