



## WASA NEWS

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### **WASA Calendar of Events**

- **WASA Superintendents Component Meeting: Friday, November 16, 2018, 7:30–9 a.m., The Davenport Grand Hotel, Grand Ballroom C, Spokane, in conjunction with WSSDA Conference.**
- WASA Winter Conference: January 28, 2019, Four Points by Sheraton Seattle Airport South.
- WASA/WSSDA/WASBO Legislative Conference: February 10–11, 2019, South Puget Sound College/Capitol Campus, Olympia.
- AASA National Conference on Education: February 14–16, 2019, Los Angeles, California. Register at <http://nce.aasa.org/>.

Please visit the WASA website for additional upcoming Professional Learning opportunities at [www.wasa-oly.org](http://www.wasa-oly.org).

### **Legislative Report**

- The WASA Board of Directors has given final approval to the 2019 Legislative Platform, as recommended by the WASA Legislation & Finance Committee. In 2019, WASA will be advocating for: enhancements to school safety and security (including additional staffing allocations for nurses, mental health counselors and SRO's); amendments to HB 2242/SB 6362 to provide equitable investments in education (including special education funding, equitable improvements in levy and Local Effort Assistance policy, salary allocation improvements, and recalibrating regionalization); enhancements in school facility funding and policies; and a necessary expansion of state resources. As many legislators are ready to shift their focus away from education onto other priorities, it will be incumbent upon administrators to remain engaged in the legislative process. The 2019 Platform is available on WASA's homepage under "Legislative Updates" or <https://bit.ly/2Czye9f>
- The Office of Financial Management (OFM) has completed negotiations with a coalition of education employees to determine employer contributions toward school employees' health care benefits under the new School Employees' Benefits Board (SEBB). The next step for OFM is to determine the financial feasibility of the new agreement. If it is determined to be feasible, funding will be included in the governor's 2019–21 budget request. As part of the budget adoption process, the 2019 Legislature must either accept or reject the new Collective Bargaining Agreement. Given the significant costs (for the state, districts, and employees), the conversation on this issue will be heated. You are encouraged to be engaged in this conversation. For more information, see the SEBB FAQs (and other information) at <https://bit.ly/2Ec7Gwm>
- School administrators need to be aware of OSPI's comprehensive revision of Chapter 392–400 WAC, regarding student discipline. Several of the rules became effective on August 30, 2018, with the remainder becoming effective on July 1, 2019. As the new rules become implemented, school administrators need to ensure district policies and procedures are up to date. For more information, see OSPI's student discipline website: <http://www.k12.wa.us/studentdiscipline/Rules/default.aspx>
- WASA has created a "Member Only page" with bargaining resources. On this page, members will find bargaining resources, including salary schedules and tentative or final collective bargaining agreements. To keep this library of information vibrant and useful, we encourage you to provide

salary schedules that your district or your local association has proposed or adopted, as well as information on collective bargaining agreements. Additionally, this page includes our Bargaining Manual and resources regarding the Janus decision. To locate the information, go to the WASA homepage at [www.wasa-oly.org](http://www.wasa-oly.org) under “Resources/Bargaining Resources–WASA Member Only.” A password is required to access this information.

### **Other WASA News**

- Beginning in July 2018, the Legal Assistance plan has doubled for AASA members. AASA now reimburses up to \$2,000 of legal expenses for the first year of membership and up to a maximum of \$20,000 (subject to a \$500 deductible per claim). To see the complete list of items covered, go to the Membership tab on the AASA website at [www.aasa.org](http://www.aasa.org).
- **“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).