



WASA NEWS

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WASA Calendar of Events

- **WASA/WSSDA/WASBO Legislative Conference: February 10–11, 2019, South Puget Sound College/Capitol Campus, Olympia. To register, visit <https://www.wasa-oly.org/Leg19>.**
- **AASA National Conference on Education: February 14–16, 2019, Los Angeles, California. Register at <http://nce.aasa.org/>.**
- **WASA Spring Conference for Small Schools Leaders: March 4–5, 2019, Wenatchee Convention Center, Wenatchee. To register, visit <https://wasa-oly.org/spring19>.**
- WASA Women in Leadership: May 4, 2019, Campbell's Resort, Chelan. Registration opens late February.
- WASA Superintendent Conference: May 5–7, 2019, Campbell's Resort, Chelan. Registration opens late February and is limited to superintendents.
- WASA/WSSDA/AWSP Equity Conference: May 22, 2019, DoubleTree by Hilton, SeaTac.
- WASA/AWSP Summer Conference: June 30–July 2, 2019, Spokane Convention Center, Spokane. Registration and housing open on January 22. Register at <https://www.wasa-oly.org/summer19>.
- WASA Incoming Superintendents Conference: July 22–23, 2019, Olympia.
- WASA/OSPI Special Education Conference: August 1–2, 2019, Hotel Murano, Tacoma. The New Director Preconference will be held July 31.
- WASA Fall Conference: October 8, 2019, Four Points by Sheraton Seattle Airport South.

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 SROs); 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/2Cz9f>
- WASA's 2019 Legislative Platform highlights the need to adjust the new levy and LEA policy adopted by the Legislature in HB 2242 (2017); however, the platform does not offer any specific solution. Understanding that school administrators have very diverse opinions on the question of levies/LEA, the WASA Board recently adopted a position on the issue. WASA intends to support an increase in local levy capacity. Any increases, however, must be modest in scope (e.g., the governor's proposed 28% lid goes too far), and "bumpers" or "fences" must be established around that new money, so it cannot be bargained away. Because any increase in levy capacity will further exacerbate inequities between districts, it is imperative that Local Effort Assistance be enhanced. To garner WASA's support, any levy proposal must include all three of these pieces.
- 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 under "Resources/Bargaining Resources–WASA Member Only." A password is required to access this information.

Other WASA News

- **2019–20 WASA President-elect Candidate Recruitment:** Past President Steve Webb is looking for potential candidates for the 2019–20 WASA President-elect campaign. Candidates must be from eastern Washington. The deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, January 18, 2019. Please submit suggestions/nominations to Dr. Steve Webb at steven.webb@vansd.org or by phone at 360.313.1200.
- **Vacancies on the WASA Board:** WASA is currently seeking nominations for the following Board of Directors' leadership positions:
 - Instructional Program Administrators Component Chair-elect (3-year commitment)
 - Superintendents Component Chair (3-year commitment)
 - Special Education Components Chair (2-year commitment)If you are interested in filling one of these WASA Board positions or nominating someone, please contact Executive Director Joel Aune at 360.943.5717. Deadline for candidates to submit their interest is Friday, February 22. Elections will take place in early March.
- **Seeking Presenters: 2019 WSSDA/AWSP/WASA Equity Conference:** We are seeking school or district leaders who are currently engaged in significant equity-related work designed to address existing opportunity gaps in our school districts. Proposals should focus on a "best practice" approach to achieving results for students. The conference will be held May 22, 2019, the DoubleTree by Hilton SeaTac. Sessions are one hour in length and should engage participants in meaningful discussions and share viable experiences resulting in individual growth and/or systems improvement. **Submit proposals by January 18, 2019, at <http://bit.ly/2CXopRy>.**
- **"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.