



Update - Stay Connected

May 1, 2020

May Changes.....

Update: You should be receiving this UPDATE at your home email or on our text line. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we move to a more secure model of communication.

If you did not get this, but it was forwarded by a friend, you can sign up by providing your home email address here: [Update Email Google Form](#) or by joining our text line by texting: **LWEAINFO to 414-11**

Remote Learning: You have all done an incredible job adapting (and re-adapting) to the guidelines set forth by OSPI and LWSD in response to the school closure. We want you to know how incredible we think you are and know that you are so appreciated. If you have not checked out our FAQ section of the LWEA website, please do! It is full of important information regarding remote learning and LWEA member work expectations.

thank
you!

Stay At Home (extended): Governor Inslee has extended the “stay at home” order through May 31. As always, our top concern is the safety and health of our teachers, students and community. So as we venture into month 3 of Covid 19, we hope you all stay safe.



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Priority One You (are #1)

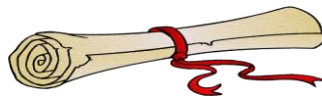
We want to acknowledge that this is a very stressful time to be an educator. **Thank you for your hard work and support of your students.** Remember the goal is not perfection of remote learning or re-creation of our regular model of school. Remote learning is our new, temporary normal, and we are figuring it out as we go. Staying connected with students and families, and with each other, is most important during this crisis. Support each other and take care of yourself. We are sharing this article on self-care in that spirit: [Prioritizing Self Care](#)



Member Engagement Funds

Attention All Building Reps, if you have not yet used your 2019-20 Member Engagement funds they are still available. Be creative and find a fun way to use these funds to gather (virtually) / support / acknowledge your building staff. If you have any questions contact [Terri Neely](#).

WEA Certification Trainings



The WEA is offering Certification trainings that are eligible for clock hours. The WEA website is the best place to go as it shows the status of events (e.g. if they are full).

<https://www.washingtonea.org/pd/certification-licensure/>

There is also a link to get on a waitlist to get first notice of future offerings.

May 22 LEAP Day Change

Friday, May 22 originally scheduled as a LEAP day has been modified to be a “normal” remote learning Friday.

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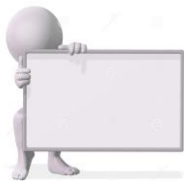
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SAGA *Sexuality and Gender Affinity/Alliance*

Stay connected and supported, join us for a Zoom gathering on May 11 from 4:30-5:30. For more info see [SAGA Flyer](#) We look forward to seeing you.



Ready, Set, Roll

Emerald City Game Masters Guild is a collective of carefully vetted, professional tabletop Game Masters operating within the Seattle metro area. We are proficient in Dungeons and Dragons, Honey Heist, and Monster of the Week. ECGMG provides capable and engaging GMs to run private events for groups of friends and company team-building exercises. We also work with families and are a great way for parents to bond with their kids! Emerald City Game Masters Guild is now offering online services! We link our players and GMs up through various video chat platforms to get everyone right into the action. We host free games through our Meet Up page: <https://www.meetup.com/Emerald-City-Game-Masters-Guild/> Our website is: <https://www.emeraldcitygmg.com/>



Looking for Info from LWEA about COVID-19? We have you covered.

Have you been looking for the most recent information on LWEA's work on COVID-19? Click this link for the latest FAQ's on working conditions and information. [LWEA Covid 19 Info](#)

Also- if you are an LWEA member- please join our textline! Text LWEAInfo to 41411.

Marketplace

Ads are run in the Update on a first come, first served basis. All ads must include a home email and/or phone number. Send directly to [Terri Neely](#) in the LWEA office.

All ads are subject to the approval of the LWEA Executive Committee and may be edited for length.



May 4

Remote Learning Survey

May 6

Exec Committee Mtg

May 10

Mother's Day

May 11

SAGA Gathering

May 22

NOT LEAP Day



Email Warning

If you received an email that looked like the following, be advised that they are **NOT** a representative of LWSD or the WA State Dept of Retirement.

Each year, as an employee of Lake Washington School District you are eligible to schedule a phone call, teleconference, or in-person meeting off campus with a representative for answers to your specific state, federal and individual retirement benefit questions.

At your consultation, you will be provided with information on what your expected income will be from TRS/PERS when you retire, and how much longer you will have to work. You will also receive advice on how to save more money without affecting your take home pay, and the best ways to utilize your options with your pension and/or Social Security benefits.

Please be sure to indicate which type of appointment you prefer (off-campus, phone call, or teleconference) in the notes section while scheduling. Please also include your direct cell phone number.

NEA Foundation Offers 3 New Grant Opportunities to Address COVID-19 Impacts

The NEA Foundation is offering three new grant opportunities to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on teaching and learning:

- **COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants** will support educator-led initiatives to adapt to the unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$1,500 to \$5,000 six-month grant opportunities will help educators to address contributors to educational inequity and educational opportunity gaps. Applicants should begin their projects this summer.
- **COVID-19 Response - Learning & Leadership Grants** will support educators' professional development focused on adapting to the unique challenges of the 2020-2021 school year. Applications for one-year grants of either \$2,000 or \$5,000 should particularly address how the applicant(s) would use grant funds to prepare themselves, their colleagues, their students, or school community to respond to the increased educational equity and opportunity challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **COVID-19 Response - Student Success Grants** will support educator-led initiatives that increase educational equity and opportunity, responding to student needs that emerged or intensified during the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants of either \$2,000 or \$5,000 will be awarded for a one-year period, beginning in September-October 2020. Applicants should be prepared to implement projects during the 2020-2021 school year.

For details, go to www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/covid-rapid-response-grants/