



# Update - Stay Connected

April 28, 2021

## Submit Professional Funds NOW!!

Submitting your Professional Fund packet early allows time for Accounting to review and resolve issues prior to the end of school year. **DO NOT** contact Accounting to confirm receipt of your PF packet. You will be contacted **ONLY** if there are issues with your submission.

### What you need:

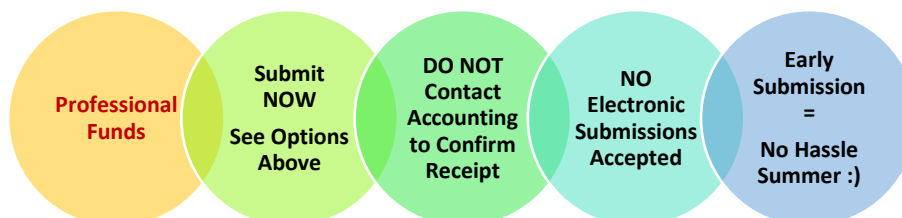
- Most of your Professional Fund questions can be answered by reading your Professional Fund form and reviewing the district [PF Q&A LWSD](#)
- Guidelines, allowable expenses, and unallowable expenses can be found on the [Prof Fund Reimbursement Form - LWSD](#)
- If after review you still have questions, please send to [askprofessionalfund@lwsd.org](mailto:askprofessionalfund@lwsd.org)

### Allowable Expenses:

- Home internet, you can claim \$50/month. It does not matter if bundled amount is more or less.
- Cell phone data, you can claim \$41.67/month. It does not matter if bundles amount is more or less.
- Union dues, simply complete the LWEA Dues Receipt [LWEA Dues Receipt](#)
- Allowable expenses, and unallowable expenses can be found on the [Prof Fund Reimbursement Form - LWSD](#)

### Options for Submitting PF Packets:

- Send completed packets to LWSD Accounting Dept (located at the RC) through inter-district mail
- Mail to LWSD Accounting Dept., PO Box 97039, Redmond WA, 98073-9739.
- Deliver to the LWEA office – box located outside office door (**New Location**)
  - 8575 164<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Suite 100, Redmond
  - Send email to [Terri](#) if you drop off packet
- **DO NOT** hand deliver to RC
- **Electronic copies will not be accepted**





## So, you're not able to pass daily attestation. Now what?

### You won't pass attestation if:

- you are symptomatic.
- you test positive for COVID.
- you are a close contact of a person with a confirmed case of COVID.
- you live with someone who is symptomatic, being tested for COVID, or has a confirmed case of COVID.

**Daily attestation is an important strategy for controlling the spread of COVID in our schools.** Anyone who [cannot pass attestation](#) won't be able to enter an LWSD facility until they complete "Return to School" protocols (including a period of quarantine or isolation) and are cleared for return by the school nurse. Currently, being vaccinated does not change the attestation process for anyone. COVID is still circulating in our communities, and staff may find themselves unable to pass attestation at some point this year.

**We have negotiated leave options for certificated staff** specifically for situations related to COVID, including quarantine/isolation and vaccination days.

### What you should know about COVID related leave options

If you used your sick leave to cover a COVID absence, you can recover that time.

If you are required to isolate or quarantine for any reason, you can work from home.

If you are unable to work remotely, you have access to Emergency Health Leave.

Vaccination appointments: your leave is covered by the district.

Vaccination side effects: 1 day of leave is covered by the district.

### We can help ensure that you have access to these negotiated leaves.

- Review this [process document](#) for how to access these leave options depending on your situation. This information is also available on the portal.
- [Last week's Update](#) also addressed COVID leave options.
- **Contact us at [asklwea@washingtonea.org](mailto:asklwea@washingtonea.org) if you are required to isolate or quarantine for any reason.**

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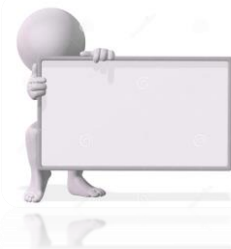
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## Children's Mental Health

In March Governor Inslee declared a [children's mental health emergency](#) which compelled school districts to offer more hours of in-person schooling to provide and support behavioral and mental health needs of youth across Washington state.

Due to the Governor's proclamation, the District became interested in counselors being physically present in buildings when students were in-person. Through negotiations, LWSD and LWEA reached a compromise: **The minimum required in-person time will reflect the percentage of the student population that has returned to the building.** This is the only change to the [original Counselor LOU](#). Counselors maintain the choice of being in-person more than the minimum per their own professional judgement. View the [Amendment to Article I.A of Counselor LOU and Guidance](#) for more information.

## Lake Washington Star!!

When you hear phrases like: "Think outside the box", "Be creative", "Exceed expectations", the name **Garett Talcott**, K teacher at Ella Baker, definitely encompasses all of these. His creativity and passion for teaching shines in his unique pandemic lessons which have included a virtual zoo trip, simulated roller coaster ride, erupting volcanoes and more. You can find him on Tik Tok and featured in local and national news.



Not sure who is having more fun ..... students or teacher!!

**Congratulations Garett - You Rock!!**

## Teacher Appreciation Day, ~~May 4~~



**Everyday!!!**

## 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**

National Teacher Day

**May 4**

Exec Committee

**May 5**

Cinco de Mayo

**May 9**

Mother's Day

**May 11**

Rep Assembly Mtg

It takes a big  
**heart**  
to help shape  
**little**  
**minds.**

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## Snapology *An interactive experience you can build upon*

Snapology of Eastside is hiring for the summer! Can you imagine yourself teaching children in a fun and inclusive environment using LEGO® bricks and other building mediums and technology? At Snapology we encourage children to create and interact with technology and explore the world around them through a hands-on approach that promotes playful learning, and YOU could be at the center of the experience! Learn more and apply at <https://snapology-redmond-wa.careerplug.com/jobs/1300346/apps/new>

## Early bird special for WEA-Retired life membership

Between now and May 31, the fee for life membership to WEA-Retired will be reduced from \$550 to \$495. This is a temporary price change so join now and ensure that your connection to your Association will continue seamlessly whenever you retire. [Join WEA-Retired online](#) and take advantage of the one-time special \$495 life membership.

## Sprouts of Wonder

Child care for 24months – 6yrs by an experienced, licensed and Aid/CPR trained staff. Fun, learning and bilingual environment.

### [Sprouts of Wonder - Family Child Care](#)



Now Enrolling!  
24months-6yrs old

Over 15 years experience in Early Learning, 1st Aid/CPR trained, Licensed and AA in Early Childhood Education.

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Reading  
Private playground

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