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## Olympia Watch: tracking our priorities

**Members, it's make-or-break time. Take Action!**

This week, legislators are taking final committee action on many bills. Take a few minutes today and let elected leaders know what we need and what our students need.

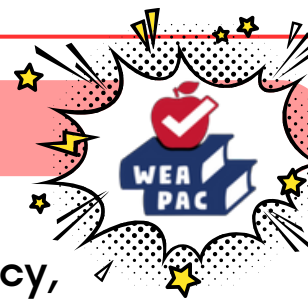
➤ Senators made amendments to the Transitional Kindergarten bill ([HB 1550](#)) that reflected educators' concerns and the bill is now a promising way forward for early learning. [Sign in PRO here.](#)

➤ An educator workforce development bill ([HB 1565](#)) focuses on defining and expanding teacher residencies to make the pathway into special education teaching more accessible. [Sign in PRO here.](#)

### The Power of the PAC

Don't you think legislators should have a well-developed understanding of the value of public education, funding policy, and the day-to-day realities of educators and students?

[WEA-PAC makes this possible!](#)



**[Join Today!](#)**

WEA-PAC, the Washington Education Association - Political Action Committee, works to elect pro-public education, pro-labor candidates to public office, regardless of political affiliation and bring the voices of educators to elected leaders.

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# LWEA Members: Check Your Mailbox



Within the next week you will receive, by USPS, the official Notice of Nominations and Elections for the following 2023-24 Executive Committee Representative positions:

- Elementary Primary Rep
- Elementary Intermediate Rep
- Middle School Rep
- High School Rep
- Special Services Rep
- Specialist Rep
- Ethnic Minority Rep



Think about colleagues that would bring your voice to LWEA and nominate them...OR nominate yourself. All nominations must be made by members in good standing. Nominations will open on 4/17/23 and close on 4/25/23. Nominations must be submitted to [Terri Neely](#)



## Western Washington University

Western Washington University is seeking qualified educators to supervise student teaching interns in Pierce, King, Snohomish, and Skagit counties. We have both immediate and future opportunities!

Share this with your colleagues who have plans to retire or who are part-time teachers or administrators.

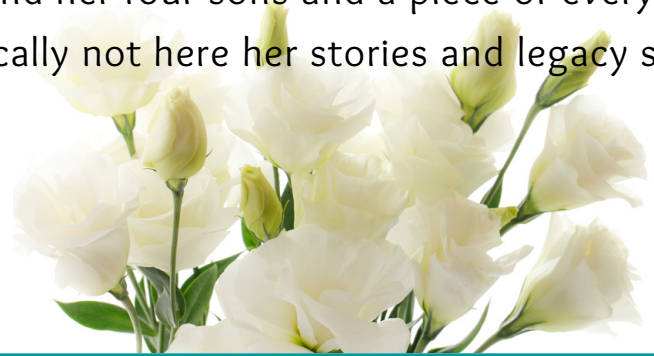
The job posting and application are available [here](#). The position is very flexible, and I would love to share more about how our supervisors support student teaching interns in the field! For more information and to contact me, please see this [Flyer](#)

Cheryl Larsen

Director, Office of Field Experience

# Loss of a Dear Friend and Colleague

It is with great sadness that we share the news that **Joyce Hutchinson** passed away. She battled cancer with her trademark humor and courage. Joyce worked at Juanita High School and Redmond High School. She volunteered at many high school track events where she quickly became nicknamed Javelin Joyce. Joyce was a world traveler, actor, and passionate teacher. Her worldly insight and humor lightened even the hardest days of teaching. She always had a smile on her face and a good story to cheer up anyone. She leaves behind her four sons and a piece of everyone's heart that she met. Although she is physically not here her stories and legacy still bring a smile to all that remember her.



## STEM Certificate Renewal Requirement

Meet the STEM certificate renewal requirement with courses from the WEA. WEA's Inclusionary Practices Project (IPP) provides professional development via Zoom. Register for each course using the link listed next to the course title. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom registration link. WEA is offering both synchronous and asynchronous courses. For a list of courses and registration links, visit [Stem Certificate Renewal PD](#)

### Important Deadlines

**Monday, May 29, 2023:** Last day to register for a course

**Monday, June 5, 2023:** Last day to complete course and submit assignments

**Monday, June 19, 2023:** Last day to complete the Evaluation and Completion Confirmation for clock hours

**Friday, June 30, 2023:** Last day to record clock hours in OSPI eCertification for certificates expiring June 30, 2023

For certificates expiring this year, the **last day to submit an application through OSPI eCertification for certificate renewal is June 30, 2023**. However, WEA needs time to process your clock hours and time to address any issues that may occur, which is why the last date to complete the course is June 5th.

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# WEA's Spring Certification Courses

WEA's Spring Certification Courses are open for registration! All courses are online, in real-time via Zoom. Clock hours are available.

## Teacher Certification 101 & Education Staff Associates Certification 101 (2 Clock Hours)

Free to WEA Members! Two-hour trainings sessions to help educators understand the latest state certification requirements for teachers, CTE teachers and Educational Staff Associates (ESAs).

## Professional Growth Plan (PGP) Support - 3 Sessions

Free to WEA Members! Two-hour training sessions to support certificated educators to create PGPs for certificate renewal and salary advancement purposes.

## National Board Certification Information - 3 Sessions

Free to WEA Members! These sessions introduce participants to the National Board Certification process. This includes an overview of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), basics of the NB certification process, and why educators consider board certification. Participants will learn about the NBPTS certificate area standards and the four required components. In addition, we explore candidate support options, the timelines of the certification process and next-steps planning.

## National Board Summer Jump Start Events

**Registration opening soon!** Dates: June 26th - June 30th and August 7th - August 11th

WEA's National Board Jump Start is a comprehensive, multi-day seminar designed to provide National Board candidates with important information about the certification process, time to examine component and Assessment Center requirements, the opportunity to plan how to meet requirements, and time to collaborate, gather resources and information needed to pursue certification. All this happens in a supportive, constructive and collegial environment.

Please visit the [WEA Certification Webpage](#) for details and registration links.

## 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.



**MAR 22 - APR 21**

Ramadan

**APR 4**

Exec Committee

**APR 9**

Easter

**APR 8-16**

Spring Break!

