

FOLLOW US!

Facebook: [Lake Washington Education Association](#)

IG: [lweaeducators](#)



Update - stay connected

www.lakewashingtonea.org

April 6, 2023



The Power of the PAC

As we near the end of the current legislative session, [educator voices have been essential in moving bills forward that will benefit public schools and educators.](#)

This hasn't happened by accident. WEA-PAC has worked to elect pro-public education candidates who want to hear from front line educators about their schools, their profession, and their working conditions.

School board elections are happening in November. WEA-PAC is turning it's focus to these elections, which are highly influential in educators' lives.

WHAT IS WEA-PAC?

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.

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER?

Don't you think elected leaders 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 by using WEA-PAC member contributions to support candidates who support public schools.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Only 46% of LWEA members have joined WEA-PAC.

We can do better! Choose your level: \$2.25, \$5, or \$10.50/month or make a one-time donation.

Join Today!

**LWEA Officers and
Executive Committee**

President:

[Howard Mawhinney](#)

LWEA / 425-822-3388

Vice President:

[Katie Badger](#)

LWEA / 425-822-3388

Primary Rep:

[Patti Cook](#)

Rush / 425-936-2690

Intermediate Rep:

[Fareeha Nasir](#)

Alcott / 425-936-2490

Middle School Rep:

[Hattie Midboe](#)

Stella / 425-936-2475

High School Rep:

[Bethany Shoda](#)

LWHS / 425-936-1700

Specialists Rep:

[Nikole Lalas](#)

RHS / 425-936-1800

Special Services Rep:

[Karyn Taggart](#)

KaMS/ 425-936-2400

Ethnic Minority Rep:

[Michael Finley](#)

RHS/ 425-936-1800



A Special Thank You to Our WEA RA Delegates



Be sure to thank your delegates who will be spending several days of their Spring Break in Spokane representing you/LWEA at the annual WEA Rep Assembly because your voice matters!



Katie Badger Krithika Balasubramanian
Kristen Becker-Brown Steffany Black
Anna Blankinship Patti Cook Sharon Curry
Martha Daman Axie Dompier Michael Finley
Shannon Fisher Emily Gamache Amanda Gerber
Todd Gibson Ellie Hanna Cathey Hettinger
Rachelle Horner Jodie Howerton Nikole Lalas
Christina Hunsberger Howard Mawhinney
Emily Martin Hattie Midboe Bridget Middaugh
John Owens Eric Peterson Sue RingVitue
Hanah Rasmussen-Nisbet Rojine Rudio
Maria-Elena Velasquez Mary Kay Weinmeister
Ashley Wheaton Shelina Williams-Martinez

LWEA Executive Committee: Who Will Represent You?

Nominations for the positions of Lake Washington Education Association Executive Committee representatives will be open April 17 thru April 25.

You should have received a Notice of Nominations and Elections in your home PO mail. If you do not receive a letter, send an email to [Diana Wagner](#) with your home address.

Nominations will be taken for the following positions:

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



All nominations must be made by a member of the Lake Washington Education Association in good standing. Self-nomination is allowed. To be eligible for any position the nominee must be a member in good standing. Nominations must be submitted to [Terri Neely](#)



Enjoy Your Spring Break

Relax, Enjoy, Refresh and Stay Safe.
You have earned it!

OFFICE STAFF

Office Manager: Terri Neely
Field Assistant: Diana Wagner
UniServe Rep: Nani Lium

8575 164th Ave NE
Suite 100
Redmond, WA 98052

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.

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.



APR 8-16

Spring Break!



MONEY MINUTE



Did you know that the WA Department of Retirement Services has webinars that explain what your options are for saving for retirement? Whether you're new to public service or getting ready to retire, there is a webinar for you. Get information you can apply right now to increase your preparation toward financial independence. Webinars are 30 to 60 minutes.

Find the full schedule of webinars by clicking [here](#). [Subscribe](#) to be notified when we add new webinars.

You can learn more about savings options in WA state, Withdrawals and Retirement, Financial Wellness, and Specialty Topics. Many of the webinars are recorded, and you can watch them on demand.



Help Needed: Looking for anyone who is selling on Etsy and would be willing to give me a lesson on how to set this up. I will pay for your services. **Contact** Lorrie Thomas at 425-999-0216