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October 25, 2023

**TODAY
ONLY!**

**BENEFITS
FAIR**

**Wednesday, October 25
2:00 - 6:00pm
Resource Center**

SEBB Benefits Open Enrollment Begins Monday, October 30

Come to the Benefit Fair to talk to SEBB vendors: Kaiser, Premera, Delta Dental, Willamette, and more. Get your questions answered.

To find out more and research your options now, visit:

[Open enrollment \(SEBB\) | Washington State Health Care Authority](#)

Make changes using SEBB My Account at myaccount.hca.wa.gov. Log in to SEBB My Account October 30 to November 20, 2023, to make changes to your coverage.

LWEA Officers and Executive Committee

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Nominations close 10/30/23 at 5:00pm

LWEA is taking nominations for the following:

- LWEA President
- LWEA Vice President
- 34 Delegates for WEA RA (April 11 – 13, 2024 in Spokane, WA)
- 12 Delegates for NEA RA (July 3 – 7, 2024 in Philadelphia, PA)

The Elections Committee will host a Town Hall with candidates for President and Vice President on Thursday, November 16th at the LWEA office. **Members may submit questions ahead of time to the Elections Committee. All questions must be submitted by Tuesday, October 31st.** Submit questions here:

[Questions for Candidates](#)



Request a FREE set of LGBTQ+ affirming K-12 books!

GLSEN will be sending LGBTQ+ affirming text sets to over 2,400 schools in 31 states in the 2023–2024 school year. There are four grade-range options: K–2, 3–5, 6–8, or 9–12.

Founded in 2019, GLSEN's Rainbow Library Program has been featured in School Library Journal, District Administration Magazine, and has won a commendation award from the American Association of School Librarians.

Students also have a constitutional right to read these books.

LGBTQ+ students at schools with an LGBTQ+ inclusive curriculum, which includes LGBTQ+ affirming books, have higher GPAs, are less likely to hear anti-LGBTQ remarks at school, and are less likely to report missing school due to feeling unsafe.

Over 5,800 elementary, middle, and high schools have already received Rainbow Library sets, including in Washington State. Rainbow Library books are selected by a committee of experienced educators, librarians, and students. These texts are award-winning, grade-aligned, and all received positive reviews from major literary journals. Resources are limited and will be prioritized in part on a first come, first served basis.

Head to
[**rainbowlibrary.org**](https://rainbowlibrary.org)
today!

GLSEN

RAINBOW
LIBRARY

LWSD school board candidates want to listen to **you**. Join us Monday on Zoom. RSVP in advance.

RSVP

[Click here to see a list of all 2023 WEA-endorsed candidates state-wide.](#)

LWSD School Board Candidate Listening Sessions

LWEA MEMBERS: come share your priorities with local candidates for school board.

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Oct. 30th, 5pm via Zoom



Lindsey Yokum
Lake Washington School
Board, Pos. 5



Janel Schermerhorn
Lake Washington School
Board, Pos. 5

DO YOU HAVE STUDENT LOANS?

Don't walk away from loan forgiveness opportunities if you are confused about the programs and processes out there.

Many of you are likely eligible for federal student loan forgiveness through one or more of the federal programs currently available. There have been many program updates and changes in the past few years. NEA Member Benefits (NEA MB) has gathered the latest information as it applies to members and will share that information in three upcoming workshops. NEA MB also will go over the [NEA Student Debt Navigator](#). If you don't have an account with the NEA Student Debt Navigator log into www.neamb.com/start and create an account. The workshops will cover this tool and how it can keep participants informed and how to maximize options.

WEA and NEA will host three student loan forgiveness workshops this school year. Register for the free webinars. Every session begins at 4:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Oct. 25: [Register online](#)
- Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2024: [Register online](#)
- Wednesday, May 22, 2024: [Register online](#)

Earlier this year, President Biden announced another \$9 billion in student loan debt relief, bringing the total approved debt cancellation by the Biden-Harris administration to \$127 billion for nearly 3.6 million Americans, many of whom are educators. Learn more.

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Thinking about National Board certification? Or, have you decided but want to work with like candidates?

WEA is offering several upcoming information sessions. These sessions are free to members and attendees can earn 2 clock hours per session. All sessions will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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.



OCT 31

HALLOWEEN

NOV 5

Day Light Savings!

NOV 7

Election Day



National Board Certification Session 1: Overview

Tuesday, Nov. 14

This introductory session on National Board certification provides an overview of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), basics of the certification process, and why educators consider board certification. [Register online.](#)

National Board Certification Session 2: Standards & Process

Tuesday, Nov. 28

This second session on National Board certification focuses on a deeper exploration of the NBPTS certificate area standards and the four required components. The session also shares basics about candidate support options. [Register online.](#)

National Board Certification Session 3: Support & Next Steps

Tuesday, Dec. 5

This third session in the series helps educators decide possible next steps and timelines with the certification process. Educators explore various support options available, and finalize a personal checklist to guide their National Board journey. [Register online.](#)



Questions about registration? Contact [Jennifer Wolf](#).

Questions about National Board Certification? Email [Arlyn Palomo](#).

Friend In Need



[Jordan Lucio](#), teacher at Thoreau Elementary, is experiencing difficulties during pregnancy which already have caused her to be out for several weeks. She is in need of shared leave donations. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and kindness.

Please consider a [Shared Leave Donation](#) by filling out the donation form and sending it to HRLeaves@lwsd.org Thank you.

WEA Retired Scholarships

WEA-Retired Scholarships is offering up to ten \$1,000 scholarships in 2024 to aid WEA members in enhancing skills for their current position, obtaining an endorsement in a new area or attaining/maintaining a teacher certificate. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible. [Apply online.](#)