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December 7, 2023

## → LWSD Budget Survey ←

### Your Input is Needed!

Check out the **\*District Announcements\*** in the **Connections newsletter** sent to work emails on 12/2.



The District is conducting a Budget Survey through December 10. They anticipate having to make \$11-\$15 million in budget reductions over the next two years.

You can learn more about the work toward a balanced budget on our [Budget Planning webpage](#).

**The survey closes on Sunday, December 10.**

**Take a few minutes and share your input!**

**[Take the LWSD Budget Survey here](#)**

## LWEA Officer Election Results

LWEA President, Katie Badger has been elected. Congratulations, Katie!

LWEA Vice-President, no candidate received the required 50% plus 1 to win. Cathey Hettinger and Rojine Rudio received the highest percentage of votes making them candidates in the run-off election. Ballots for the run-off election will be sent to members home emails tomorrow, Friday December 8th at 9:00AM. Ballots will close on Friday, December 15 at 4:00PM.





## Nominate the next "ESP of the Year"

The WEA Educational Staff Associate (ESA) of the Year Award recognizes the positive impact of Educational Staff Associates (ESAs) on their schools, families, and their profession. ESAs include school psychologists, counselors, nurses, social workers, speech and language pathologists/audiologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, orientation and mobility specialists, and behavior analysts.

The award is presented to a member of the WEA who demonstrates outstanding accomplishments and reflects the contributions of ESAs to public education. Each nominee packet must contain a Nominee Statement and three (3) Letters of Recommendation (see nomination form for requirements). ESAs may nominate themselves. **The deadline to submit nominations is 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024.**

Click here for the [2024 ESA of the Year Nomination Form](#)

To All Our ESP's



## ***WEA New Educator Virtual Workshop***

### December 14th Thursday Women and Money

Please, no offense meant for the men in our association. In fact, what we will learn tonight is valuable information for all of us to understand. Women face unique financial challenges. This presentation highlights those challenges along with possible solutions to address them. Obviously, all women will appreciate the information we are sharing as well as others who may have a mother, sister, or daughter for whom they may want to better understand these unique considerations. And, let's be real, roles are less defined to day then they were 20 years ago and in many cases some of this information shared is applicable to the men as well. Direct Registration Link:

<http://forms.washingtonea.org/forms/pdregistration?cevid=7777>

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# FSA or DCAP 2023 Claims Deadline .....



FSA or DCAP expenses must be incurred by December 31, 2023. You must submit all claims to Navia Benefit Solutions for reimbursement by March 31, 2024.

## Friends In Need



**Kat Veldee**, Audobon Elementary, is in need of shared leave. "My husband and I are expecting our first child this month. Due to medical reasons, I am having to step away from work prior to baby's arrival. It's been a tough pregnancy, and I was hoping I would make it to winter break, but baby has other plans. I am in need of some shared leave to get through to baby's birth. We are so grateful for any time you are able to give us. Happy Holidays!"

**Rachel Schwartz**, Eastlake HS, is requesting donated leave to allow her to recover from a procedure related to her cancer recovery. She depleted her sick bank during treatment. Any help would be much appreciated.

**Lizzy Gryder**, Rush Elementary, I am in need of shared leave after having to care for my child with special needs after he was mistreated by a daycare teacher. I had to take leave to care for my younger two children during this until we are able to find a place where my son's needs will be celebrated and cared for, and to take care of my own mental health. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

**Riley Aliamus**, SpEd Para at Lakeview Elementary, is asking for the donation of shared leave due to a surgery he is having and will need to take a couple of weeks off from work to recover. Thank you for your support.

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



## 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.



**DEC 12**

Rep Assembly

**DEC 18- JAN 1**

Winter Break  
No School

**DEC 21**

First Day of Winter



# WEA-Retired 2024 Scholarships

WEA-Retired Scholarships is offering up to ten \$1,000 scholarships to aid WEA members in:

- enhancing skills for their current position
- obtaining an endorsement in a new area
- attaining/maintaining a teaching certificate

Applicants must be WEA members AND not previously received a WEA-Retired Scholarship.

Apply here:

<https://wea.mobi/2024retiredscholarship>

**WEA**  
RETIRED

MARKETPLACE

**JOB SHARE:** Looking for a primary teacher (k-2nd) to job share with for the 2024-25 school year. Please message

[simpson602@hotmail.com](mailto:simpson602@hotmail.com) if interested for more details. More information on job sharing can be found on page 119 of [Contract](#)

**FOR RENT:** Charming 1050 sq. ft. house nestled in a tranquil residential neighborhood

**\*Key Features\***

Wall-to-wall Berber carpeting in LR and BR. 12x24' sq. ft. Living room; 12x20' sq ft bedroom. Built in storage wall in LR.

Large level outdoor back garden for eating outdoors, hosting outdoor gatherings, reading in the hammock under the pine trees, or using your green thumb in your own do-it-yourself garden.

**Off-street parking** provides security and connects to a curving concrete sidewalk to the private entrance.

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**Call Inge** re: appointment to see the apt (425) 823-5710