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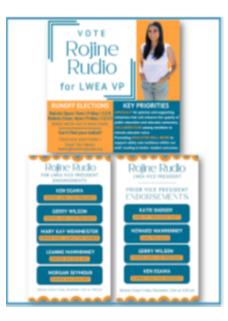
December 13, 2023

## LWEA Vice-President Run-Off Election

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.

Currently, only 27% of LWEA members have voted in this election. Ballots for the run-off election were sent to members home emails on Friday December 8th at 9:00AM. If you need help with your ballot, contact Terri Neely. Ballots will close on Friday, December 15 at 4:00PM.

#### **VP Candidate: Rojine Rudio**



#### **VP Candidate: Cathey Hettinger**



**LWEA Voting Guide:** Run-Off Edition



### Votes Are In

#### Congratulate Your WEA and NEA Delegates

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	Cookie Grant-Suggs	Katie Badger	' / /
Erik La	ng Casey Co	nroy Holly Tott	en
Ashley Whe	aton Martha	Daman Emily	Gamache
Brian Toews	Hillary Minne	Patti Cook	Shaina Langley
Sharon Curry	Jodie Howerton	Brenda Quayle	Meridith McDonagh
Axie Dompier	Lucas Shannon	Jennifer Moon	Sue Ring Vitue
Jeffrey Lawson	Emily Martin	Mark Pepitone	Kristin Young
Todd Gibson	Eve Kolakowski	Bethany Shoda	Lauren Gullitti
Rojine Rudio	Bridget Midda	augh-Songstad S	Shannon Fisher
Cath	ey Hettinger Anne	tte Bovey Amand	a Gerber
Katie Badg	er Howard Ma	awhinney Pa	ntti Cook
Denise Radect	e Mary Kay We	einmeister Coo	kie Grant-Suggs
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#### LWEA Officers and Executive Committee

President: <u>Howard Mawhinney</u> LWEA / 425-822-3388

Vice President: <u>Katie Badger</u> LWEA / 425-822-3388

Primary Rep: <u>Patti Cook</u> Rush / 425-936-2690

Intermediate Rep: <u>Rojine Rudio</u> Red El / 425-936-2660

Middle School Rep: <u>Martha Daman</u> RSAR/ 425-936-1544

High School Rep: ShineMay Woodcock JHS / 425-936-1600

Specialists Rep: <u>Nikole Lalas</u> RHS / 425-936-1800

Special Services Rep: <u>Karyn Taggart</u> KaMS/ 425-936-2400

Ethnic Minority Rep: <u>Michael Finley</u> RHS/ 425-936-1800



# WEA PAC

**Legislative session begins Jan. 8**: The 2024 legislative session will kick off in Olympia on Jan. 8. Each year, leaders in WEA's Legislative Strategy Committee come together to create a blueprint of the most pressing legislative issues. This year, our agenda is focused on providing professional, livable wages for classified education support professionals (or ESPs), fully funding special education and supporting students struggling with behavioral challenges. As we talk with lawmakers about the 2024 Washington Legislative Session, these are our most urgent needs. <u>Read more about our legislative agenda here.</u>

Have you "leveled up" your WEA-PAC membership yet? A strong PAC is how we elect pro-education, pro-labor candidates to school boards and statewide office. Increasing your monthly contribution gives us a greater voice in policies that affect our profession. Most of us have been giving at the \$2.25 level for many years, and <u>we now have the option to</u> <u>"level up" to \$5 or \$10.50 per month.</u> Increasing our monthly donation ensures WEA members continue to have a significant impact in elections across our state. Increasing our monthly donation ensures WEA members continue to have a significant impact in elections across our state. <u>Will you give</u> <u>a little more now?</u>

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#### 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 15** Election Ballots Close at 5PM

#### **DEC 18- JAN 1**

Winter Break No School

#### DEC 21

First Day of Winter



# Friends In Need

Leah (Jones) Amick, Professional Learning, will be undergoing several breast cancer surgeries. She is need of sick leave for her surgery, treatment, and recovery time. Any sick leave you can share would be greatly appreciated.

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