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January 10, 2024

Students Need Our Voices Now! Legislative session began Jan. 8

Our students need us to speak up for them.

As educators, nearly every aspect of our work is dependent on available funding and policy support from the elected leaders. Whether it's additional paraeducator support for ML or SpEd students, access to a well-stocked school library, counselors to support our students, or COLAs that retain great colleagues, we rely on funding to meet our students' needs. [It's time for us to speak up again.](#)

The Washington Legislative Session for 2024 is underway, and we need to speak up for our students. Together in WEA with 90,000+ public educators across the state, we have a strong voice for high-quality education. But we're only as strong as we are involved.

Take a minute to [find out how you can get more information and get involved](#), whether that's staying up-to-date on legislation as it's happening or emailing your lawmaker when [key issues are on the line.](#)

Together, we can be the advocates our students need.

In unity,
Howard



Pro-Education. Pro-Labor.

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Join Us!

You're invited to join for dinner and good conversation.

Educators of Color- 2nd Gathering

Connecting Educators of Color, **Sharing** ideas/struggles and **Empowering** each other to make change.

Where: New LWEA Office-8575 164th Ave NE Suite 100,
Redmond, WA 98052

When: February 1st, 2024 at 4:30pm

Guest Speaker: Michael Peña

Dinner will be provided! Please **RSVP BY January 26th**, 2024
at LWEA-EOC@lwsd.org so we have a proper headcount!

Lots of love to our members!

~The EoC Planning Team

**Q&A Session
with Nick Brown**

Join us for a Q&A session
with Attorney General
candidate, Nick Brown!

**DON'T
MISS IT**

**Zoom join info
coming soon!**

February 7, 2024
5:00 - 5:45 pm

Use the QR code
to RSVP!

RSVP using the QR Code or [RSVP form](#)

LWEA's Political Action Team Invites You to Get Involved!

Please join us in supporting Rent Stabilization for Lake Washington educators. A phone call is as easy as 1-2-3 and makes all the difference in keeping our valuable teachers and education support professionals in the district! The Political Action Team has also invited AG Candidate Nick Brown to come answer your questions about his priorities in supporting educators if elected as Attorney General.

This Rent Stabilization/Renter Protections Bill Will Help Staff & Students Remain In LWSD!

Senate SB 5961

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5961&Year=2023&Initiative=False>
(<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5961&Year=2023&Initiative=False>)

House HB 2114

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=2114&Year=2023&Initiative=false>
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HERE'S WHAT THIS BILL WOULD DO, IF PASSED!

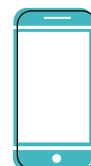
- Caps rent increases at 5% each 12 months for occupied units only. No cap on unoccupied units. (Exempts all bldgs for the first 10 years after occupancy permit issued.)
- Fees count as rent for the purposes of the increase.
- 6 months notice for all rent increases at 3% or more.
- Tenants can terminate lease and move if rent increase is 3% or more (must provide 20-days notice).
- Caps late fees at \$10.
- Caps all move-in fees to equivalent of one month's rent or less.
- Can't treat month-to-month leases different than fixed-term leases in terms of rent levels and fees.
- Enforcement with a private right of action (lawsuit), penalties and also by the State's Attorney General's Office.



CALL THE LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE:

1-800-562-6000

8am - 7pm M-F





Professional Learning Opportunities

WEA Course Offerings

Looking for professional development? WEA's Center for Education Quality has released the [WEA Winter catalog](#) of trainings for both WEA certificated members and education support staff. Courses are offered weeknights and weekends to accommodate busy schedules.

All classes are held virtually and courses and clock hours, if applicable, are free.

[Read more about our many professional development offerings](#) and register or [download our Winter catalog](#).

Be a Professional Learning Instructor!

Do you have expertise in a topic and an interest in sharing what you know with other staff across the district? Have you taught a minimum of 3 years, one of which is here in Lake Washington School District? Would your principal be willing to recommend you as a professional learning instructor? If so, consider attending the Professional Learning Instructor Open House on Teams from 4-4:30 on February 26th to learn more! Click the link below to join the meeting. See the [flyer](#) and contact Kristi Bryant (kbryant@lwsd.org) with questions.

[Click here to join the meeting](#) on February 26th at 4pm



LEARN
AS YOU
GROW

Wednesday LEAP

This year's Wednesday LEAP curriculum is now available on Cornerstone: search for 2023-2024 Elementary Wednesday LEAP or 2023-2024 Secondary Wednesday LEAP. All certificated staff who participated in the district-directed learning that occurred on December 6, (and will additionally occur on February 7, March 27 and May 8) can now register. Participants are responsible for responding to LEAP reflection questions and acknowledging completion of the curriculum in June to earn clock hours.

Elementary teachers: A maximum of 5.5 clock hours is available, of which 1.5 are standard clock hours, and 4 are equity-based school practices.

Secondary teachers: 3 are standard clock hours and 2.5 are equity-based school practices for secondary teachers.

See the [Learning Lab](#) for further information on LEAP Days. Email questions to proflearn@lwsd.org



MONEY MINUTE

Tax Free VEBA Account!



There are triple tax benefits to a VEBA account. You do not pay taxes on the money when you receive it, you do not pay taxes on the earnings of your VEBA investments, and you do not pay taxes on the money when you withdraw/use it for qualified medical expenses.

Contributing to VEBA is a great way to save money on taxes while saving money to use in retirement for medical expenses.

We want to invite you to speak to Brian Riehs, a HRA & VEBA Consulting representative about your VEBA questions later this month. He will be at the LWEA office on Wednesday, January 31 from 1:00-5:00pm. If you have questions, email [Terri Neely](#).

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.



JAN 15

Martin Luther King Day
No School



JAN 16

Rep Assembly

JAN 23-26

Elem Conferences



FOR RENT - Price Reduced: 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.

Rent: \$1,695 Security deposit, half refundable. References and credit check required. Must have minimum credit score of 700.

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