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You have the power to advocate for change!

We are approaching the cutoff for bills to advance out of committees. It's time to speak up and raise your voices for ESPs.



These two actions can be completed in under 5 minutes!

1

[Sign in PRO](#) to increase funding for school support staff ([SB 5882](#)). Don't forget to include LWEA as your organization!

2

[Send a quick one-click email](#) to call for scheduling hearings on ESP staffing ([HB 1960](#)) and pay ([HB 2380](#)) bills.



Important Dates 2024 Legislative Session

Feb 5	last day for bills to pass out of committee
Feb 13	last day for bills to pass out of house of origin
Feb 26	last day for bills from opposite house to pass out of committee
Mar 1	last day to pass bills from opposite house
Mar 7	last day of regular session

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NEA Micro-Credentials



Earn a micro-credential in topics from Climate Justice, to Creating a Safe and Equitable Learning Environment, and more. [Attend WEA Micro-credential Orientation](#) to learn about the process and find the micro-credential that is right for you. Specific micro-credentials meet the STEM or Equity certificate renewal requirements.



Find out more about WEA Micro-credential orientation and support workshops. [Learn about the process and register.](#)

What is a micro-credential?

A micro-credential is a short, competency-based recognition that allows an educator to demonstrate knowledge or skill in a particular area. **No cost to WEA members and clock hours are available.**

Micro-credentials are available of interest to a wide variety of roles – substitute teacher, teacher, ESA, ESP and more. Certain micro-credentials meet the STEM and equity requirements. Grounded in research and best practice, and created by educators for educators, NEA Micro-credentials are flexible--you can study when it's convenient for you, alone or with your peers, and develop your own learning based on your interests and goals.

Questions?

- For inquiries on NEA micro-credential registration or submission, select the "Help Center" at the top of [NEA's Washington micro-credential library](#).
- For inquiries on [WEA micro-credential registration](#) or Washington state clock hours for NEA micro-credentials, contact [Sheila Beaver](#).
- For inquiries on the WEA micro-credential program, contact [Maren Johnson](#).

National School Counselors Week

Feb 5-9 is National School Counseling Week, an occasion to celebrate and raise awareness of the remarkable work our counselors do everyday. This years theme is **School Counseling: Standards-Based, Student-Focused**.

We want you to know how much you are appreciated. You truly "inspire, empower and embrace" our students. You actively engage them in taking the leap from adolescence to adulthood. The work that you do behind the scenes to engage, motivate, and promote confidence in our students is integral to their future success.

Thank you for all that you do in making a difference in our students' lives and school community!

Thank you, YOU ARE THE BEST!!

RECN Equity Conference 5.0 & WEA Leadership Summit



The Rainier Educators of Color Network is inviting WEA colleagues to join them Feb. 2-3 for two days of bold conversations and networking.



RSVP

The RECN Equity Conference 5.0 & WEA Leadership Summit opens Friday, Feb. 2, in person at the Puget Sound Skills Center, 18010 8th Ave. S., in Burien with an art build, dinner and drag queen story hour.

Registration is free and open to all. This conference is a collaborative effort between RECN and the WEA Leadership Summit. Please share with your colleagues.

Questions with registration? Contact [Lori Fleck](#) at Rainier UniServ

On Saturday, Feb. 3, the conference will be held virtually and features teen scholar and activist keynote speaker Helena Lourdes Donato-Sapp. Read more about Helena.

Cheers!

Educator Appreciation



EDUCATORS: You invest so much of yourselves into our children and communities and we would love to return the favor. Please allow us to show our appreciation for all that you do. Escape the classroom routine and join us on the first Thursday of every month for an evening at Woodinville's Wine Alley!

Unwind and indulge in a sensory adventure with locally crafted wines, as you mingle with fellow educators in a relaxed and charming atmosphere. Each of the 6 tasting rooms will be offering 2-for-1 wine tastings as well as discounts on glass pours and bottle purchases, so be sure to bring some of your friends and co-workers along!

**It's a night of appreciation, laughter, and, of course, exceptional wines.
We look forward to raising a glass with you!**

Date: First Thursday of Every Month
Time: 2 PM - 7 PM
Location: 13590 NE Village Square Dr
Woodinville, WA 98072

Ambassador Wines of WA
Ancestry Cellars
Baer Winery
Rooted Souls Winery
Tsillan Cellars
Truth Teller Winery

Congratulations to Our New NBCT's and MOC's



National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession and is a voluntary process established by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Certification is a one- to five-year process and according to the **NBPTS**, completing the certification shows that each teacher knows and practices “the definitive standards of accomplished teaching.”

The National Board’s **Maintenance of Certification** (MOC) process is designed based on best assessment practices and by teachers to ensure that National Board Certified Teachers continue to grow professionally while maintaining a strong impact on student learning.



New NBCT's



Kari Bradwisch Brittani Brown Natasha Bunnag
Casey Clark Katie Frakes Bonnie Green Hillary Hall Heather Jones
Jade Lee Brenna Nelson Melissa Pierson Casey Sullivan Brian Toews
Iain Tutwiler Clara Yamakawa

MOC's

Emma Alberton Melanie Artz Whitney Blackstone Sarah Brewe Erica Bullock
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Interested in learning more about National Board Certification?

WEA is offering National Board Home Stretch and three modules to help those pursuing National Board certification. Each module offers a different focus to guide participants through this process. Members can participate in all of the modules; we just ask that the modules be taken in sequence. Trainings are online and each session is interactive with breakout rooms and time for questions. [Read more and register online.](#)

[Visit WEA's National Board Certification web page](#) for more information.

LWSD National Board facilitators will also host Information Sessions this spring (dates TBD) on Teams, including an abridged version of the WEA sessions with a focus on LWSD supports for candidates (1 hour total). Email Julia Vasiliauskas jvasiliauskas@lwsd.org if you are interested. Find more information about LWSD NB supports here:

<https://lwsd.sharepoint.com/sites/LL/Certificated/SitePages/National-Board.aspx>



Asynchronous Courses

WEA's Inclusionary Practices Technical Network (IPTN) is providing 13 professional development courses with up to 180 clock hours possible including 60 hours of STEM. The courses are free, provide clock hours, and available to all! These courses were created with flexibility in mind. You will move through the course at your own pace and can start at any time. For more information including descriptions and registration links, please visit our [asynchronous courses web page](#).

Important Deadlines

- Monday, May 27, 2024:
Last day to register for a course
- Monday, June 3, 2024:
Last day to submit assignments

Courses

- Coaching and Mentoring of Inclusionary Behavioral Strategies
- Data Collection in the Inclusive Classroom
- De-Escalation and Behavior Modifications
- Effective Co-teaching Strategies for Inclusion
- Empowering Educators - Using Explicit Instruction in the Inclusive Classroom
- Foundations for Equitable Inclusive Education
- High Leverage Practices for Inclusive Classrooms
- Intelligent Lives: An Inclusionary Practices Journey
- STEM for Primary (K-6) Educators
- STEM for Secondary (6-12) Educators
- STEM Integration and Inclusionary Practices
- STEMizing your Instruction
- Universal Design for Learning



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.



FEB 10

Chinese New Year
Year of the Dragon



FEB 13

Exec Committee

FEB 14

Valentine's Day



WEA Virtual Workshop February 21st Wednesday Membership Deals and Discounts

Come learn about how to save money, manage your finances and live your best life by using your NEA Member Benefit programs. Planning your next vacation, saving money on your everyday purchases, insuring your most valuable things and taking charge of your financial life are all made easier through your membership. Get started at www.neamb.com/start before the session and bring your questions. We will make sure you all have access to the website and all the valuable programs and services before we wrap-up. 45 minutes that will certainly be fun and might change your life! Direct Registration Link:

<http://forms.washingtonea.org/forms/pdregistration?cevid=7779>

Friend In Need



Laura Crocenzi, Para at Kamiakin MS, is in need of sick leave hours. She has been tending to her husbands health issues and is now dealing with her own health. She would be so grateful for any hours you are able to contribute.

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



WEA Retired and Pre-Retired Members



WEA-Retired packaged and delivered appreciation treat baskets to 14 schools, and will do more in the future. A special thanks to LWEA office staff Diana Wagner for her assistance, and to WEA- Retired members Lynette Martin, Sue Hanson, and Cheryl Plate, led by WEA-Retired LW chapter board member, Brigitte Tennis.

People can join WEA-Retired at any time, in fact there are a number of pre-retired members that are life-time members and signed up way before they were ready to retire! WEA-Retired offers scholarships to educators, friendship to those retired and not yet retired, amazing opportunities to learn new things, to give back to kids and educators, a book club, and you can choose to be politically active if you want to be.

You can join at www.washingtonea.org/retired or contact Brigitte Tennis (tennissb@outlook.com) if you have questions!