



Wasa NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

- **WASA Special Education Academy Cohort II Session One:** September 25–26, TBD SeaTac.
- **WASA/AESD/AASA Aspiring Superintendents Academy Kick-Off Dinner:** October 6, PSESD 121, Renton.
- **WASA/AESD/AASA Aspiring Superintendents Academy Session One:** October 7, PSESD 121, Renton.
- **WASA Fall Conference:** October 8, Four Points by Sheraton Seattle Airport South. [Click](#) to register.
- **WASA Mentor Academy Session One:** October 14, TBD, SeaTac.
- **WASA Early Career Superintendent Academy Session One:** October 15, TBD, SeaTac.
- **WASA Special Education Academy Cohort I:** October 16, TBD, SeaTac.

[Click](#) to view the 2019–20 WASA Event Calendar.

Colleagues,

I trust this message finds you amidst a positive start to the 2019–20 school year. Successfully launching a new school year does not happen by accident. The planning process, which was initiated in your district many months ago, includes smart thinking, attention to detail, and a tremendous amount of work. The staff, and most importantly the students, are the beneficiaries of your leadership and good work.

Congratulations!

Joel

REGION PRESIDENTS

Thank you to this year's [Region Presidents and their respective leadership teams](#). We appreciate their involvement in WASA, and their efforts to support the work of the members in each region.

QUICK LINKS

- [PESB Clock Hour Changes](#)
- [TPEP Changes](#)
- [PESB Paraeducator Certificate Program](#)
- [SBE Graduation Requirements](#)
- [Ombuds Interpretation Resources](#)

COMMUNICATION REMINDER:

Budget and Bargaining Communications: WASA has developed a [Communications Toolkit](#) that promotes an approach to communication that is intentional, consistent, and ongoing. Developing a year-round communications plan, that thoughtfully focuses on content and delivery, establishes a foundation with staff and community that can be helpful during levy and bond campaigns, bargaining, budget development, and crisis management.

The Communications Toolkit includes a Budget-Bargaining Calendar of prompts that might be useful in organizing your communications plan. This calendar will help you keep your district's fiscal status and budget development on people's minds.

2020 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

WASA's process to select Washington's Superintendent of the Year is underway. Nominations are being accepted now. Those making nominations are strongly encouraged to reach out to their candidate to let them know of the nomination. Candidates must submit their completed online application to the [AASA website](#) by October 1, 2019. A selection team convened by WASA will review and score all completed applications to select the 2020 Washington Superintendent of the Year, who will move on to AASA's National program.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In preparation for the next legislative session, the WASA Board has adopted a preliminary draft of [WASA's 2020 Legislative Platform](#). The Platform includes four "planks" or areas of priority: updating staff allocation formulas (via the Prototypical School Funding Model); defining teacher duties and expectations; providing consistent, equitable, and ample education resources (by revising *McCleary* legislation regarding special education funding, the salary "experience factor," SEBB provisions, and regionalization); and supporting school facilities. The Board is slated to take final action on the Platform at its October 7 meeting.

Don't wait until January to re-engage with legislators. Take advantage of the next four months to build and make stronger your rapport and connection with them. Reach out with an invitation for coffee, to hear their perspective on the 2019 Session and what they foresee in 2020. Consider extending invitations to the opening of a new school, a board meeting, or a special event. Invite them to visit your school district this fall.

AASA CORNER

- **2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards:** AASA is proud to support the *2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards*, a youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. The deadline to submit an application is November 5, 2019. [Click](#) for information.
- **AASA National Conference:** February 13–15, 2020, San Diego, California. [Click](#) to register.

OSPI COMMITTEES AND WORKGROUPS

[OSPI Staffing Enrichment Workgroup:](#) Legislation passed in 2018 directs OSPI to convene a workgroup to review the staffing enrichments to the program of basic education detailed in [EHB 2242](#). Final recommendations from the workgroup are due to the Legislature by December 1, 2019. Tammy Campbell (Federal Way), Wade Smith (Walla Walla), Marcus Morgan (Reardan-Edwall), and Jennifer Priddy (Olympia), represent WASA on this workgroup.

[OSPI Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee:](#) OSPI will convene this committee during the month of September. WASA representatives will be determined soon.

[OSPI School Safety and Student Well-Being Advisory Committee:](#) The committee is scheduled to convene four times this year, beginning in September. The committee will provide a culminating report to the legislature by November 2020. Superintendent Greg Lynch, Olympic ESD 114, represents WASA on this committee.

OSPI Dual Credit Funding Proviso Workgroup convened to make recommendations on how Washington can make dual credit enrollment cost-free to students who are enrolled in running start, college in the high school, advanced placement, international baccalaureate, or other qualifying dual credit programs ([ESHB 1109](#)). WASA will be represented by Shawn Batstone, Tumwater.