



UPDATE

Lake Washington Education Association

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Here's your chance to be heard on education funding!

On Saturday, March 11, local WEA affiliates will be holding town hall forums with legislators regarding education funding. This is your chance to have your voice heard by those who will be making the decisions in Olympia. Bring your family and friends and share your stories about what our schools need to provide the best education possible for all our students.

Here are the events scheduled in our area:

Bothell	North Creek High School Commons 3613 191 st Place SE, Bothell	9:30-11:30 am
Shoreline	Shoreline Center 18560 1 st Ave. NE, Shoreline	9:30-11:30 am
Bellevue	Tyee Middle School 13630 SE Allen Road, Bellevue	1:00-3:00 pm
Seattle	Seattle First Baptist Church 1111 Harvard Ave., Seattle	1:00-2:30 pm
Kent	Kent Education Association 10427 SE 244 th Street, Kent	10:30-Noon
Snohomish (March 9)	Glacier Peak High School 7401 114 th Place SE, Snohomish	5:30-7:30 pm

We strongly encourage you to attend since legislators are making key decisions that could impact your life for years to come!

RSVP to Sheila Hagerman at shagerman@washingtonea.org.

Hope to see you there!

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*Kevin Teeley,
President*

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Is your certificate expiring?

Did you know that maintaining your certification is your responsibility? That also means that you are responsible for the renewal of your teaching certificate.

OSPI has set up a new online procedure where educators can manage their certifications and endorsements. The OSPI e-Certification service enables educators to:

- Apply for credentials online
- Monitor application status
- Receive expiration and renewal reminders
- Print certificates
- Update contact information

OSPI provides online training and information about the e-Certification service. Educators can access these at this [link](#). Anyone renewing their certificates are to maintain required certification/endorsements completely online.

Certificated staff with an expiration date of June 30, 2017 on their certificate must start the renewal process ASAP to guarantee maintenance of a valid certification before the certificate expires. Do not wait until the last minute as you might not be able to complete the requirements prior to the expiration date. **YOU MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE CLASSROOM WITHOUT PAY IF YOUR CERTIFICATE EXPIRES.**

Note: National Board Certified teachers (NBCT) are still required to renew their certificates prior to the expiration date. Being a NBCT does not change your responsibility for renewing your certification.

Can you share?

Gina Holmen, 2nd grade teacher at Rockwell, is currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer and will be out for the remainder of this school year. If you have sick leave you can share, please complete a donation form and send it to HR.

Gina would like to thank everyone who has donated so far - it has made such a difference.



Find a good book and join us as we...

Read Across America!

Thursday, March 2

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

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Do you know a great teacher?

Do you know a great teacher who might like to work in the LWSD? The district is going to have 300-400 open positions for the 2017-18 school year due to increased enrolment, retirements, and normal attrition. They've started the hiring process, and have already hired a number of teachers for next year.

If you know someone you think would like to work here, please encourage them to apply by going to the district website (www.lwsd.org). If they do decide to apply, send Emily Young in HR an email with the name of the person you recommended. While there's no finder's fee, your recommended candidate will definitely get moved to the top of the applications for consideration!

LWSD will also be holding a Career Fair on Saturday, March 11, from 9 AM to 12 noon with actual interviews on site.

ADK scholarship

The Beta Iota Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, the international honorary organization for women educators, is pleased to announce a \$500, non-renewable scholarship for a certificated female staff currently employed in LWSD.

The scholarship must be used for courses that are required for professional employment or advancement with either a Bachelor's degree in the field of education that is different from any previous area of study for previously earned degrees, a certification program (CTE, Pro Cert, National Board), or a Master's degree in education.

The deadline to submit applications for the 2017 scholarship is 12 PM on April 14, 2017. The winner of the scholarship will be awarded at the annual Retirement Tea on June 14 at the LWSD Resource Center.

Scholarship applications are available by contacting [Sheila Hagerman](#) in the LWEA office.

Education Funding Forum - A conversation with legislators

Educators - plan to attend the Education Funding Forum on Saturday, March 11. Legislators from the 45th Legislative District (as well as other nearby districts) will meet with educators to talk about education funding and the search for funding sources.

This conversation will take place at the **North Creek High School** (3613 191st Place SE, Bothell, 98012) from 9:30-11:30 AM. Please put this event on your calendar!

What bargaining can do...

THEN: When buildings were overstaffed and needed to move teachers, there was no clear process or criteria to determine which teachers stayed and which ones had to move.

NOW: A specific letter of understanding is in place for buildings with over-staffing problems. Appendix N (page 77) in the [LWSD/LWEA contract](#) describes the steps that must be followed.

SERVICES

Pretty tile – ugly grout? **Let the Grout Doctor take care of all your grout & tile needs.** For a free estimate, call John Start at 425-947-0060. (Ila Morrow, LWEA).

Questions about your retirement, social security benefits, or state retirement plan? Utilize a knowledgeable & experienced financial professional to help you better understand your pensions, 403(b)s, 401(k)s, & IRA's. Contact Sean Tennis, Senior Associate with Foresters Financial, 206-204-3066, ext 403, or sean.tennis@foresters.com. (Brigitte Tennis, Stella Schola).

FOR RENT

Juanita area **condo**, 2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath. Close to dining, parks, trails, beach, & shopping. Flexible March move-in date. Non smokers, no pets. \$2,000/month includes 1 covered parking space, water, sewer, cable, & garbage. Contact Chaia Schupack at 425-553-9740. (Lynette Benaltabe, Substitute).

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State-wide survey

Thank you in advance to those of you who have taken the WEA survey to help identify your interests and preferences related to how you will be compensated in the future. For those of you who haven't, please take a few minutes to give WEA your input.

Why are you receiving this survey now?

In recent weeks, the Governor, legislative Democrats and the Republican Senate each have put forward proposals that they believe will meet the McCleary mandate. Proposals vary, and locally bargained compensation may be enhanced, significantly reduced, or something in-between.

Association members and lobbyists will be active in Olympia advocating for a new system of funding educator compensation that recognizes the professional status of educators that is fair, and that is negotiated at the local level. WEA wants to know your how you feel about this.

This state-wide survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete.



Marketplace

Ads are run in the Update on a first come, first served basis. All ads need to be in written form. Send directly to Sheila Hagerman at shhagerman@lwsd.org.

Ads are subject to approval of the LWEA Executive Committee and may be edited for length.

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LWEA Website

Lakewashingtonea.org

[Facebook](#)

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Calendar

March 7-8

Creating Culturally Responsive Classroom

March 9

Newbie Nights (4:30 - 7 PM)
Differentiating Instruction

March 10

LEAP Day

March 12

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 13

School Board Meeting

March 14

Executive Committee