

## The Legislature is working on the budget now

The legislature is nearing the end of its regular session, scheduled to close on April 23, and the budget talks are underway. Now more than ever, legislators need to hear from you about what you value and the need for the State to live up to its paramount duty to fully fund public schools.

The House budget goes furthest toward fully funding public schools as required by the Supreme Court's McCleary decision. The House education budget makes good progress on the following issues:

- Funds competitive, professional pay and benefits for all educators including future COLAS for K-12 basic education and higher ed
- Funds smaller class sizes beyond K-3 and additional support to meet the social and emotional needs of our students (I-1351)
- Maintains local control and flexibility for districts by protecting local collective bargaining rights and local decision-making, including school levies
- Adds support staff for social and emotional needs of students
- Maintains and supports professional standards regarding certification including the bonus for all National Board Certified Teachers

The Senate budget shows they value limiting taxes more than amply funding schools and maintaining current, vital programs. The Senate doesn't meet the intent of the McCleary case by:

- *Eliminating the class size law, essentially eliminating any hope of improving staffing ratios to meet students needs.*
- *Hurting special education funding*
- *Restricting pay and/or services to students and reducing local control*
- *Severely restricting local control over collective bargaining and levies*
- *Allowing uncertified individuals to teach students with only a background check and high school diploma and no formal education training.*
- *Cutting state National Board base and challenging schools incentives*

To see a side-by-side of the House and Senate budgets - click [here](#).

It's been five years since the McCleary decision and now is the time to do it right!

**Take Action! Contact your legislators now (using your own personal device and during non-work time) to let them know how you feel about the budget for education funding.**

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### Call the Legislative Hotline

**1-800-562-6000**

**Leave a message for the  
legislators that  
serve your district.**

### Send an e-mail message

Use this link to contact  
your legislators.

Kevin Teeley,  
President

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## ProTeach informational meeting

Are you interested in learning about the state requirements for Professional Certification and the LWSD support options available to teacher candidates? Are you a teacher who will have completed at least two years of teaching experience, in the state at the beginning of next school year and feel you are ready to begin the journey to obtaining your professional certificate? Then this meeting may be for you!

**What:** This informational meeting regarding the Washington State Professional Certification process will include:

- 1) Overview of certificates and timelines – Residency (dated and undated) and Professional
- 2) Overview of options to complete Professional Certification process including ProTeach
- 3) Overview of ProTeach Assessment Portfolio Requirements

**When:** Monday, May 15, 2017, 4:30 – 6:00 PM

**Where:** LWSD Resource Center

Please sign up on INFORM to register for this meeting. If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact [Pattie Grohl](#).

## Learn About National Board for Professional Teaching Certification

Have you considered which pathway will work best for you to get your professional certification? Then we invite you to attend one of the information sessions located at the LWSD Resource Center:

- **April 20 - Sammamish, 4:30-5:30 PM**
- **May 11 - Hughes, 4:30-5:30 PM**

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 achieved through rigorous performance-based assessments that can take 1-5 years to complete. The process measures what accomplished teachers/librarians or school counselors should know and are able to do. In addition, holding a valid NBPTS certificate satisfies the ongoing clock hour requirement for 5 years of a teaching certificate, or the requirements of the Washington State Professional Certificate, whichever is applicable.

Additional information for National Board Certification is available by visiting the [NBPTS website](#), calling 1-800-22TEACH, or contacting [Kathy Colombo](#).

## Transfer list

The 2017-18 Transfer List is now available for viewing. Keep in mind that this list has been edited to allow prospective transferees to remain anonymous.

To view the list - [use this link](#). Scroll down the page to the bottom to find the 2017-18 Transfer List.



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## Master's in teacher leadership at SPU

You are invited to attend an open house to learn more about Seattle Pacific University's (SPU) Master of Education in Teacher Leadership program. This event will take place on May 24, at 4:30 PM in the Morton Johnson room at the Resource Center.

The MEd in Teacher Leadership Program at SPU offers teachers current educational theory, research and professional practices to enhance not only their knowledge and skills as they serve their students, but also provides a foundation of leadership skills to enhance teacher capabilities in a number of school-based roles, from department chair, to instructional coach. The unique aspect of this program is that it is cohort-based, offering a combination of online classes as well as face-to-face courses offered in your own district, with instructors who are both from the university, but also your own district teachers and leaders. The cohort-based program also offers a tuition discount. In addition, you would have the opportunity to use some of the elective credits as ProTeach or National Board credits.

To learn more about this program and/or if you have any questions, please attend this open house - contact [Robin Henrikson](#) (chair of the Master in Teacher Leadership Program) or [Karen Ripley](#) (LWSD coordinator).



## WEA Special Ed Boot Camp

Registration is now open for the 2017 WEA Special Education Boot Camp held this summer. Participants will receive 4 days of intense work on special education issues as well as 24 clock hour credits. Boot camp will provide hands-on training emphasizing the responsibilities of all educators working with students with disabilities. Certificated and classified personnel, general and special educators, parents, administrators and community agency personnel are all encouraged to attend. Registration fee is \$270. [Get a glimpse of this year's course offerings.](#)

Boot Camp will be held July 24-27 at the Tulalip Resort. Registration deadline is Friday, July 1, or until boot camp is full. [Register now.](#)

Participants are responsible for their own lodging. WEA has negotiated discounted rates at the Tulalip Resort, but there is a limit on the number of rooms available. You must make your own reservation - contact the hotel directly to confirm rate and lodging information.

If you have questions about boot camp, please contact [Jill Dahlen](#) or call 253-765-7088, or [Molly Baasch](#).

## What bargaining can do...

**THEN:** Administrators could call mandatory staff meetings as often as they deemed necessary.

**NOW:** Except for emergencies or exceptional circumstances, no more than an average of two hours per month will be scheduled for required staff meetings.

## SERVICES

**Real estate questions?** Interested in what your property is valued at? Do you know someone who is looking to buy or sell? Contact a trusted professional & LWSD colleague for all your real estate needs. Ask for my client reviews. Patrick Parnell (EHS) [patparnellrealestate@gmail.com](mailto:patparnellrealestate@gmail.com) or 425-208-9287.

Retired chief maintenance engineer (handyman) - **need expert home repairs?** 40 yrs experience in plumbing, ABS, electrical, water line repairs (copper), sheet rock repair, structure repairs & more. \$25/hr - not licensed or bonded (if these were renewed rate would be \$100/hr). References available. Contact Paul at 425-749-6035 or [cowboy32-32@hotmail.com](mailto:cowboy32-32@hotmail.com).

## FOR RENT

Redmond 1 bedroom/1bath **condo unit**, ground floor. Newly remodeled, walk to RTC, downtown Redmond, easy access to 520 & on Sammamish River trail w/ secure bike locker. No Smoking - no pets. Covered parking. \$1,300 per month, includes W/S/G, + security deposit. Kathy Kier (RC) 425-681-7826 or [knkier@hotmail.com](mailto:knkier@hotmail.com).

## FOR SALE

**Oak desk & hutch:** Beautiful desk w/ removable hutch. Desk (54"L x 23.5"D x 30"H, w/ hutch 77"H. Lightly used in pet free home. Pickup in Sammamish. Pictures available. \$200. Amanda Thirtyacre (Rose Hill MS) 425-785-3865.

**Boston Whaler,** 15' w/ 70 HP Johnson - it really screams across the water. Used for water skiing, tubing, scenic rides, etc. Older (1980s) but runs like a champ! Pictures & video available. \$4,000 firm. Mike Gilluly (RC) [mggilluly@msn.com](mailto:mggilluly@msn.com).

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## March for Science!

This Saturday, April 22 is Earth Day. Its also the March for Science, an international event highlighting the importance of science in our everyday lives. More than 170 national organizations have endorsed this event. WEA RA delegates voted just last week to add WEA's name to the list.

There are Marches for Science happening across Washington and you are invited to attend one. This is an opportunity to show support for evidence-based science and its connection to high quality public schools, colleges and universities.

Check the list to [find a march near you!](#)



## 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](mailto: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

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## Calendar

**April 22**

Earth Day

**April 24**

School Board Meeting

**April 25**

Rep Assembly

**April 26**

Administrative Professionals Day

**April 27**

Newbie Nights (4:30 - 7 PM)  
Pathways to Certification

**May 2**

Executive Committee