

NEA members reject proposals to arm teachers

Educators overwhelmingly reject proposals to arm teachers and other school personnel, according to a new poll commissioned by the National Education Association. NEA members support a range of commonsense solutions to address the issue of school shootings in the United States, but arming teachers is not one of them. NEA surveyed 1000 members nationwide from March 1 – 5, 2018. (See page 2 for survey highlights.)

The new NEA national member survey comes on the heels of a proposal by the Trump administration to arm teachers. Trump has appointed Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to lead a Federal Commission on School Safety to study the issue.

NEA President Lily Eskelsen García issued a statement saying that, “The idea of arming teachers is ill-conceived, preposterous, and dangerous. This new national survey of educators confirms that. Arming teachers and other school personnel does nothing to prevent gun violence. In fact, quite the contrary, educators would feel less safe if school personnel were armed.

“Our students need more books, art and music programs, nurses and school counselors; they do not need more guns in their classrooms. Teachers should be teaching, not acting as armed security guards, or receiving training to become sharpshooters.

“Those who are proposing such measures are only aiming to create a distraction from the real issue. They need to listen to gun violence survivors, students, educators, and parents. They are demanding common-sense gun laws. They are demanding a plan that will keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of dangerous people.

“The White House and Congress owe it to those victims of gun violence and survivors across the country to work together to implement common sense solutions that really will save lives. We need to listen to them.”

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*Lily Eskelsen,
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Key findings of NEA member survey on gun safety

- An overwhelming majority, 82%, say they would not carry a gun in school, including sixty-three percent of NEA members who own a gun.
- Sixty-one percent of gun owners oppose arming teachers. Sixty-four percent of those in gun households oppose arming teachers.
- Two thirds, 64%, say they would feel less safe if teachers and other educators were allowed to carry guns.
- Seven in ten (69%) NEA members say arming school personnel would be ineffective at preventing gun violence in schools.
- Three quarters (77%) of NEA members believe it is too easy to access guns in the United States. As a result, they support a wide range of solutions to limit access to guns.
- Ninety-nine percent of NEA members favor universal background checks.
- Ninety-one percent support taking measures to prevent the mentally ill from accessing guns.
- Ninety percent support preventing those with a history of domestic violence from gaining access to guns.
- Strong majorities also support creating a database (87%) to track all gun sales; banning assault weapons (85%); banning bump stocks (84%) and high capacity magazines (80%); and raising the age of gun ownership to 21 (78%).

WEA Special Education Boot Camp

Registration is now open for the [2018 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 \$230. [Get a glimpse of this year's course offerings.](#)

Boot Camp will be held July 10-13 at the Great Wolf Lodge. Registration deadline is Monday, June 4, or until boot camp is full. [Register now.](#)

Participants are responsible for their own lodging. WEA has negotiated discounted rates at Great Wolf Lodge, but there is a limit on the number of rooms available. You must make your own reservation at www.greatwolf.com/grand-mound or call 866-941-9653 and use offer code 1807WEA. 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](#).

Join us for Wine and Wisdom!

To respond to high interest in cultural competency, we have invited Ben Ibale (WEA Human and Civil Rights Coordinator and Cultural Responsive Classroom Management facilitator) back to share strategies on this subject. In addition, you're invited to meet some of your newly elected WEA RA delegates and learn how they will represent you at the state level.

Don't miss this evening of great conversation, food, and connection beginning with happy hour appetizers and a free beverage at Blu Sardinia in Redmond.

For more information – [use this link.](#)

To register – contact [Maryziel Galarpe.](#)

Join us on March 28 at 4:30 PM!



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Two need your sick leave donations

We have two people who are very much in need of shared sick leave – please consider making a donation. Donations forms should be available in your building.

Linda Dahl, attendance secretary at Kirkland Middle School, needs to be out for the remainder of this school year to care for her husband during his cancer treatment.

Vivian Dunbar, Family Support Specialist in Ready Start Preschool, is out after suffering a stroke during brain surgery for an aneurysm. She will need to be out for an extensive amount of time and will run out shortly.

Did it snow?

Please update your calendar

Due to the snow day in February, we will add one additional day to the end of the school year. This means that June 20 is now a full day for both students and staff. Even though this is a Wednesday, no early release will take place that day. The last day of school is now June 21, which is a half day for students and a full day for staff.

Creating a Culturally Responsive Classroom 2.0

Last November, we offered the six-hour series (Sections 1 & 2) that introduced the concepts of culturally responsive classrooms and helped participants increase their effectiveness across differences among their students and families.

Over the next two sessions, we will focus on:

- Exploring practices to ensure that students experience a positive, consistent, safe, and equitable classroom with emphasis on positive social behavior development.
- Facilitating classroom interactions that appropriately integrate your students' culture and family backgrounds.
- Integrating culturally responsive behavior intervention practices into your classroom.
- Building concepts from earlier sessions to learn to implement positive behavior intervention strategies that respect all students.

Participants will receive resources and materials to support their culturally responsive classrooms.

These trainings are a collaboration between LWEA, WEA, and the University of Washington College of Education Faculty.

To register, [go to this link](#). Send the registration form and check to Terri Neely in the LWEA office.

WANTED

Looking for a short-term rental accommodation: LWSD SLP looking for private room/bathroom for 2 adults. Move in by 4/18 & move out by mid-7/18. Budget is within a \$1000. Laxmi Muthigi (Redmond Elementary) 425-999-5792 or laxmishreesharao@gmail.com.

Small entertainment company wants to **hire teachers or school employees for extra summer work**. We train in balloon twisting, face painting & airbrush. The pay ranges from \$15-35/hour based on skill level. If you love working w/kids & would love to learn these fun skills, contact Julie at 253-334-3472. (Denise Dewalt, Twain).

FOR SALE

Queen bedroom set, 4-piece oak, headboard, dresser, mirror, chest of drawers, excellent condition, \$550. Mattress, box spring, frame included for additional \$150. Text 452-412-0688 for pictures. Katharyn McDonnell (Substitute) kmdonandersen@gmail.com.

Everything must go: **Pfaltzgraff Tea Rose dishes** (plates, bowls, cups/sauces, servicing bowls, casserole pans), \$150; Oak **china hutch** w/back lighting, \$350; Oak **table** w/3 inserts + 8 hiback chairs, \$400 (goes from small round table to oblong); Professionally hand crafted maple **stereo & TV stands** w/thick beveled glass shelves, \$700/pair; Keller 8' **fiberglass ladder**, \$75; DeVilbiss **air compressor** 20gal 5HP, \$100; Saunders **lumbar traction device**, \$200; Schwinn Journey 2 **stationary exercise bike**, \$50. Terri Neely (LWEA) 425-443-2619.



Saturday, March 24, 2018

Cal Anderson Park in Seattle on Capitol Hill

**Meet at 9:30 AM at the park entrance
at 11th Ave & E. Olive Street**

Look for the LWEA banner!

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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Calendar

March 28

Wine & Wisdom (4:30 PM)

March 29

Certification 101 Class
(4:30-7:30 PM)

April 2-6

Spring Break

April 10

Executive Committee

April 16

School Board Meeting

April 18-19

Culturally Responsive
Classroom (4:30-7:30 PM)