

School Board approves levy and bond measures for February 13 ballot

On Monday, the Lake Washington School District Board of Directors unanimously approved placing a \$299 million bond, \$23.6 million capital projects levy, and a \$63.5 million educational programs and operations levy on the February 13, 2018 ballot. The bond is designed to reduce overcrowding in our schools, while the two levies will replace expiring funding for educational programs and projects.

As most of you know firsthand, our schools are extremely overcrowded. Enrollment growth has averaged over 700 students per year since 2010. 2018 marks 10 straight years of growth. We're now the 3rd largest school district in the state, surpassing even Tacoma. Only Seattle and Spokane are larger than we are. We have 168 portable classrooms in the district, which is equivalent to more than 7 elementary schools.

Here are some highlights of what's included in the bond and levies:

- Remodel/replace and enlarge Kamiakin Middle School.
- Build a new elementary school in the Lake Washington Learning Community.
- Remodel/replace and enlarge Alcott Elementary.
- Build a choice high school in the Eastlake/Redmond region to help accommodate growth.
- Expand Lake Washington High School.
- Build space for special education program services.
- Purchase land for future school sites.
- Make building and system improvements, such as HVAC, flooring, roofs, etc.
- Make safety improvements in schools.
- Purchase additional portable classrooms.
- Improve network security.
- Improve classroom technology.
- Provide for staff training.
- Fund 46 additional high school teachers to implement a 7-period day.
- Provide additional compensation for teachers beyond what the state funds.

The best news is that the levies and bond will not increase the tax rate---in fact, the tax rate will actually go down if these three measures pass. The levies take a 50% majority, while the bond requires 60%.

Parents, friends, and family members will likely look to you for information about the bond and levies. It's important for you to share your personal experiences about how overcrowding and lack of state funding has affected your students. You can keep informed on the bond and levies by checking out the district website at www.lwsd.org.

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*Kevin Teeley,
President*

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Human & Civil Rights Leadership Conference

Join fellow WEA educators and members of color at the 2017 Human and Civil Rights Leadership Conference. This conference is a collaborative effort to help current and future educators with issues of cross-cultural competency, social justice, and educational equity within the institutions that serve our state's students. This event is open to all WEA members.

This year's conference will start on November 17 with a dinner and keynote speaker at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Des Moines. On Saturday, the program moves to Mt Rainier High School. Participants will attend half day sessions between 8 AM and 3:30 PM (breakfast and lunch are included).

Six clock hours and meals are included in the registration.

Registration is limited to 250 so if you are interested, please contact [Sheila Hagerman](#) in the LWEA office. LWEA will pay the \$50 registration fee.

2018 WEA Human and Civil Rights Awards

The WEA Human and Civil Rights Committee would like to recognize outstanding achievements and contributions in the areas of Community Partners, Cultural Awareness, International Peace and Understanding, and Student Involvement.

The awards are open to individuals, organizations, or groups whose efforts have made a difference to communities within Washington state.

The deadline for nominations is 4 PM on Friday, December 1, 2017. Nomination forms are available from [Sheila Hagerman](#) in the LWEA office.

Join us for Wine and Wisdom

Join us for our first in this year's series of "*Wine and Wisdom*." We're going to start with Part 2 of our last session (June 2017) where we focused on what to tell our immigrant students when they fear deportation. We'll have a panel of experts to share their knowledge on DACA and immigration law. Learn how these topics may affect our students and their families and what you can do to support them.

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

Review of building budgets

Our negotiated agreement with the District requires building principals to present copies of the building budget and carry-over funds to interested staff members for discussion by November 15. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss with your principal how your building resources are being spent.

You may want to check with your principal to see when your staff will review the final budget.



New member?

If you are a new LWEA member this year, you have just been automatically covered by the NEA Complimentary Life Insurance. Although the coverage is automatic, you still need to take a moment to register a beneficiary of your choice.

To do this, simply log on to the NEA Member Benefits [website](#) or call 1-800-637-4636. Questions? Contact [Sheila Hagerman](#) in the LWEA office.

Not a member yet? We can help you with that – simply contact [Sheila Hagerman](#) and we'll get an enrollment form to you right away.

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We're running LWEA elections earlier this year

Due to Kevin Teeley's announced retirement in June 2018, the LWEA Executive Committee has decided to conduct LWEA elections earlier than usual this year in order to allow for a smooth transition to new leadership next year.

If you're interested in running for an LWEA office, we encourage to nominate yourself by contacting [Sheila Hagerman](#) in the LWEA office when nominations open on Monday, October 23. Here are the positions that are open:

- President
- Vice President
- Senior High Rep
- Middle School Rep
- Intermediate Rep
- Primary Rep
- Special Services Rep
- Specialist Rep
- Ethnic-Minority Rep



In addition, nominations will be open for 31 delegates to the WEA Representative Assembly in Spokane (April 19-22) and 12 delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly in Minneapolis (June 30-July 6).

Here's the election schedule:

October 23	Nominations open at 9:00 AM
November 1	Nominations close at 5:00 PM
January 10	Ballots sent to members
January 18	Voting closes at 4:00 PM

Two that need your help!



We have two LWSD employees who need shared sick leave. If you have sick leave you can share – please fill out a donation form and send it to Human Resources (HR).

Ann Marie Magnum, IA at Thoreau Elementary, is caring for her husband who has had multiple strokes following unexpected heart surgery. She will be providing 24-hour care for the much of the near future and will need the sick leave to continue access to her benefits.

Greg Jensen, JHS campus security monitor, will be out for an extended period of time due to knee replacement surgery.

Your donation will make a big difference to both of these individuals!

FOR RENT

Juanita area **apartment**, 2 bedrooms, 1 large bath w/ large shower. Large deck. \$1,600/month – includes gas, electric, water, garbage. Lorrie Uribe (Frost) 425-820-6547.

FOR SALE

Piano w/ bench, good condition. Pictures available. Located in Sammamish. \$200 OBO. Lisa Lovin (McAuliffe) 425-417-6806.

1997 **Honda Civic EX**, Tinted, lowered susp, short shifter, throaty muffler, sun roof, leather seats. New battery, alternator, clutch/flywheel. All upgrades done professionally. Runs & sounds really good. Some dents/pooling vinyl. Good entry car to play with. 159K miles. Mike Gilluly (Warehouse) 425-233-2276.

IKEA Hemnes **vanity** 2 drawers, black-brown wood cabinet, 39 3/8 "x 19 1/4" x 35" H. Rattviken **sink top**, white, sink has a small crack on the side but would still be great for cabin or vacation home. IKEA Ensen **faucet**. \$50 OBO for all. Contact Sara at sbn724@gmail.com. (Sheila Hagerman, LWEA).

2007 **BMW 328i**, black on black, 80.5K miles., excellent condition. \$8,950. Brad Stolz (Retired) bstolz5@comcast.net or 206-999-3884.



We have winners!

In the last prize puzzle, we asked which statement was incorrect regarding the Professional Fund. We tried to fool you and make all of the statements correct but there was a little “oops” and that didn’t happen. Thanks to our sharp-eyed readers – we realized that we had made an error. So – we put everyone who entered our contest in the drawing for one of the three Starbucks cards!

We drew three names and each one will receive a \$10 Starbucks card. Congratulations go to:

Whitney Blackstone, Muir

Janet Ahern, McAuliffe

Tracy Boucher, Smith

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](https://www.facebook.com/lakewashingtonea)

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Calendar

Oct. 20
LEAP Day – No Students

Oct 21
Ring the doorbell!

Oct. 24
Rep Assembly

Oct. 25
Evidence and Artifacts Class
(4:30 – 7:30 PM)

Oct. 26
PGP & PGE Class
(4:30 – 7:30 PM)

Oct. 28
Ring the doorbell!