

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*December 2009*

### **WEA Legislative Agenda**

The WEA's top items under the area of Compensation and Education Funding include:

- \*Improve and protect local funding for K-12 and Higher Education
- \*Protect existing funding and find new revenue sources
- \*Restore I-732 COLA to its full amount
- \*Protect existing health and pension benefits
- \*Temporarily maximize local resources until the state budget recovers. This includes raising the levy lid by 4% for all Districts, maintain levy equalization in the 220 Districts, include I-732 and I-728 in levy lid formula and allow Districts to collect the full levy amount approved by voters.
- \*Adopt the prototypical schools funding model outlined in the Washington Adequate Funding Study, including funding levels to fully meet 2261.
- \*The WEA is also requesting equal compensation bargaining rights for our community and technical college members.

In the area of school improvement WEA legislative priorities include:

- \*Support continued improvement to the state student assessment system
- \*Eliminate single test as a barrier to graduation
- \*Plans for struggling schools should rely on the knowledge and expertise of our members
- \*Educate the whole child

### **PoliSparks**

This great training regarding the role politics plays in education will take place in Olympia February 26 and 27. Please recruit members and call the HEA office with people interested in attending.

### **Contract Issues**

HEA has notified the District that it expects a response by this Friday in regards to a proposed settlement to the outsourcing of PE to the YMCA. This is currently taking place at one school on the campus but a second school has now indicated a desire to do the same.

PCT for ESA members was resolved and the PCT will now be conducted by special service administrators and our members.

The Special Ed Task Force will meet for the third time this Tuesday. We are in the stage of storytelling all the issues of the various groups. HEA has a well rounded team representing most of our specialist groups.

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Handouts will be provided.