



WEA Board of Directors Report

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WEA Board of Directors Positions WEA Representative Assembly March 29-31, 2007

The Washington Education Association's Board of Directors took positions on new representative assembly business for Constitution and By-laws Amendments, Standing Rules Amendments, New Business Items, New Resolutions and Continuing Resolutions Amendments. Business to be discussed at the March WEA Representative Assembly include; Ethnic Minority Representation Guarantees, Term Limits for WEA Officers, Four-Year Higher Education WEA Board Representation (United Faculty of Washington State), Reporting on Referred New Business Items, Speaker Recognition Requests, Common Sense Assessment and Accountability, Elementary and

Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Health and Safety Program, ESP Living Wage Campaign, K-12 Fine and Performing Arts Education, Public School Traffic Safety Education Funding, Students' Right to Advocate for Peace and Social Justice, Multicultural Education Training, Military Recruiter Access to Students, Promotion of Civil and Human Rights and WEA Small/Rural Local Affiliate Grant Program.

WEA RA delegates from the Fourth Corner will have a Mock Assembly on Wednesday, March 21st, at 5:00, prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting at the Cotton Tree Convention Center in Mount Vernon.

Locals are encouraged to make their hotel reservations in Tacoma ASAP!

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Take the Lead Update

**WEA Survey for All Members
Continues through February 9th
Logon to www.washingtonea.org/mysurvey**

Legislative Update

Significant Bills of Interest as of February 2nd

The WEA Board was given a legislative update by WEA staff. Members are encouraged to contact their legislators concerning the following education related bills.

Funding bills include; HB 1090 Budget stabilization account, HB 1432 Educational staff associates, HB 1467 Budget stabilization fund, HB 1661 Cost of Education, HRJ 4204 School levies, SB 5627 Basic education funding, SB 5728 Educational staff associates and SJR 8202 School levies.

K-12 assessment bills include; HB 1028

Report card for education, HB 1194 Mathematics WASL, HB 1288 Essential academic learning, HB 1352 WASL and HB 1659 Science WASL.

Washington Learns bills include; HB 1641 Washington learns, HB 1871 Education system benchmarks, HB 1907 Educator preparation, SB 5501 Washington learns and SB 5842 Education system benchmarks.

Retirement bills include; HB 1199 Retirement at earlier ages, SHB 1200 TRS service credit, HB 1263 Retirement annual increases, HB 1284 Retirement plan 2 members, HB 1771 Public retirement systems, HB 1941 Vesting after five years,

SB 5175 Retirement annual increases, SB 5427 Retirement plan 2 members, SB 5668 Gain-sharing benefits and SB 5779 Public retirement systems.

Higher education bills include HB 1384 Community & technical college salaries and HB 1399 Collective bargaining.

Check the WEA website for frequent updates.

Briefs....

WEA's Washington Adequacy Funding Study will be released on February 22nd. This 2.5 year study used baseline prototype schools to analyze current spending, and funding needed to have efficient and effective schools.

WEA Position Papers on topics such as class size, compensation, accountability and pensions are available on the WEA website.

Go to www.washingtonea.org

Take the Lead update...

The *Take the Lead* campaign is the biggest and most comprehensive task that WEA has undertaken. A higher education Power-Point is now available. New *Take the Lead* benchmarks are coming soon!