

Melissa,

While the election outcome will not be official for quite some time, by all appearances you have been elected to serve on the Board of Directors. Congratulations!

After the dust settles a bit more in the next week or so, I will be reaching out to both of you with an invitation to come in and start your official "transition" as a member of the Board. As you might imagine, there is a great deal of information that we would like to provide in order to assist with your transition and get you up to speed as soon as possible. As you know, we have a ton of exciting things going on in the District as well as some challenges we are dealing with---so you will definitely hit the ground running on January 4<sup>th</sup>. More to come on that later...

The most time-sensitive matter is the WSSDA Conference, which is scheduled for next week in Bellevue <https://www.wssda.org/Events/AnnualConference.aspx> . The conference officially begins with the Opening General Session on Friday morning. However, there is a "Boot Camp" for new board members on Thursday. In the past, new board members have found this to be of value.

Another point of interest for you is that our district will be presenting in a breakout session on Friday morning at 10:45 (see page 18 of the conference program <https://www.wssda.org/Events/AnnualConference.aspx> ). If you are able to attend the conference, you might find this session to be of interest.

Please let me know, at your earliest convenience, if you would like to attend the conference. My assistant, Kim Roeber, will process your registrations. While this is late notice, I hope you will consider attending the conference. It is a great opportunity to begin learning the particulars as related to serving as a board member, and get some exposure to emerging issues, challenges, and opportunities in K-12 education. They Keynote speakers are generally very informative, and this year is no exception.

If you have questions or need additional clarification, shoot me an email or give me a call (the office number is 425-831-8007 and my personal cell is 509-389-2430). I hope you are able to attend. However, with short notice it is understandable if you are not able to make it work this time around.

I look forward to hearing from you, and again, congratulations!

Best regards,