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From the President



Brian Talbott
WASA President

WASA Friends and Colleagues,

It is early August at the time I pen this memo. I imagine that much will have occurred locally, regionally, statewide, and nationally by the time this Hotline is published and

distributed. No matter what, I sincerely hope you have had an opportunity to breathe and spend some time recharging with your family and friends during this summer that really wasn't.

As we gear up for what will likely be a most difficult and challenging start, it is important that each of us as district leaders demonstrate an optimistic and "can-do" attitude. I share that with you as I often catch myself lamenting the desire for what was; there is nothing typical about what we are dealing with as district and school leaders throughout the state. However, we have an obligation to establish and maintain the weather pattern for the culture and climate within and throughout our school systems and respective communities. Your positive and genuine leadership approach is assuredly always needed, and most definitely, even more so, during a time of continued (probable) school closures magnified by racial inequities and societal unrest.

As we continue to navigate the choppy and unpredictable waters that we have already endured and those that lie ahead, I remind you that we are not alone. Under the banner of WASA, we are surrounded by a robust group of district and school leaders; we are blessed with collegiality, confidence, and competence. You are the right person, at the right time, in the right position. Collectively we will endure the

strangeness of the day while providing equitable and meaningful educational opportunities for all of our students regardless of the delivery model. Together, we are bigger and stronger than this pandemic ... we got this.

With my utmost respect and admiration, I wish each of you a strong and positive beginning.

Brian Talbott



2021 Washington State Superintendent of the Year (SOY)

The 2021 Washington State Superintendent of the Year process is underway. The online application can be found on the [AASA website](#). To be considered for Washington's SOY process, the deadline to apply is October 1, 2020. WASA will convene a panel of judges who will review and score the applications submitted to determine Washington's Superintendent of the Year for 2021. The selected candidate for Washington State will be submitted to AASA to be considered for the 2021 AASA National Superintendent of the Year, which will be announced at the 2021 AASA National Conference on Education, February 18–20, 2021. For information on the Superintendent of the Year program and process, click [here](#) for further information. For questions on Washington's SOY process, contact [Shari Parsons](#) or by phone at 360.943.5717.

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From the Executive Director



Joel Aune
WASA Executive
Director

WASA Colleagues,

The past six months have been an experience like no other, and the launch of the 2020–21 school year will follow suit in this regard. All of us held hope through late spring and into the summer that a return to face-to-face teaching and learning was forthcoming. Unfortunately, the pandemic dictates otherwise. For now, the start of school will be predominantly a virtual one.

Now is the time to move beyond our disappointment and double down on efforts to make the very best of the circumstances before us. That is what leaders do. In a message last week, I expressed my eagerness to see the launch of the new school year and the innovation and improvements that will be unveiled as you welcome students back—be it virtually or in person.

Don't neglect to tell your story. Messaging to staff, parents, and students has never been more important than it is at this moment. There is anxiousness and skepticism about the upcoming school year. Parents are shopping—looking at different options for their children.

If you have not already done so, I urge you to begin driving a message of optimism and confidence. We must be honest with parents and students about the challenges that lie ahead, but we must also present a message of hope and assuredness. We have a plan, we know what we are doing, we believe in our systems, we have confidence in our teachers, and we are fully committed to doing our very best for the students in our schools. We look forward to re-engaging with our students.

In his message to you, WASA President Brian Talbott speaks of optimism and a “can-do” attitude. He goes on to say that school district leaders can and will set the tone within the system and among students and parents as we start the school year. He is describing the essence of leadership.

This isn't all rainbows and unicorns. This stuff is hard. There will be stumbles along the way. But never forget, your schools ARE the best thing going. Parents, staff, and most importantly, students need to hear this message again and again in the days, weeks, and months to come.

Don't shortcut communications and messaging this fall. You got this. Let's be sure parents and students don't forget it.

Respectfully,



WASA President-elect Campaign

The ballots for the 2020–21 WASA President-elect campaign were emailed to all active members on August 1. Candidates for the 2020–21 WASA President-elect are Jeff Davis, superintendent, Onalaska School District, and Aaron Leavell, superintendent, Bremerton School District. The deadline to vote is by 5 p.m. on August 13. To view the candidates' speeches, brochures, or introductory videos, click [the link here](#).



JEFF DAVIS
Superintendent
Onalaska SD



AARON LEAVELL
Superintendent
Bremerton SD

Meet Michael Nelson, WASA's New Assistant Director of Professional Learning



WASA is pleased to welcome our newest member of the staff, Michael Nelson. Mike officially took the helm as the Assistant Executive Director of Professional Learning on July 1.

Leaving the Enumclaw School District after 21 years as assistant superintendent/superintendent was not an easy decision for Mike. He felt privileged to be able to give back to the community that raised him by leading the public school system. Having served in many capacities for WASA, including as WASA President in 2013–14, he felt nudged to apply and is honored for this opportunity. Mike said, “Even though I have been an administrator for 28 years, I felt like I have never left teaching and learning. This new position will allow me to dive into adult learning in a way to support the leaders of public education across our state. The excitement to do this work with an organization I love and has given so much to me is a true blessing.”

Mike believes his Italian roots gave him white hair at an early age as well as a love for food. His Italian mother taught him to cook with a variety of ingredients without measuring. Mike's garden provides an abundance of fresh vegetables and herbs, which he enjoys harvesting and creating delicious meals with in the kitchen. He also enjoys exercising and reading. However, his favorite hobby right now is reading to his grandchild, Carter Michael.

AASA CORNER

AASA Women in School Leadership Awards

The AASA Women in School Leadership Award program is designed to recognize the exceptional leadership of active, front-line female leaders who are making a difference in the lives of students every day. Three awards are available—Superintendent Award, Central Office/Principal Award, and The School Driven Leadership Award. Applicants are judged on the following criteria—Leadership for Learning, Communication, Professionalism, and Community Involvement. Applications must be submitted online at www.aasa.org/WomensLeadership.aspx by October 9, 2020. Finalists will be announced November 16, 2020. Winners will be announced on February 19, 2021, at the AASA National Conference. For more information visit www.aasa.org/WomensLeadership.aspx.

AASA Educational Administration Scholarships

AASA's Educational Administration Scholarships were created in 1949 to provide incentive, honor, and financial assistance to outstanding graduate students in school administration who intend to make the school superintendency a career. Seven top graduate students in educational administration will receive a scholarship from AASA. The scholarships are given in honor of AASA's former executive directors. To review the eligibility information and FAQ visit bit.ly/2CkFofl. Applications are available on the AASA website. The deadline to submit an application is September 30, 2020.

2021 AASA National Conference on Education

Registration is now open for the 2021 AASA National Conference on Education to be held February 18–20, 2021. This year's conference will be virtual. The theme for this year's conference is "Social Emotional Learning Focusing on the Total Child." Visit the [AASA website](http://www.aasa.org) for further details on the conference.

WASA 2020 End of the Year Celebration



On June 29, WASA held its first-ever virtual end of the year celebration. This event replaced the Honorary Awards Luncheon, normally held in conjunction with the WASA/AWSP Summer Conference, which had been postponed until fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Members, special guests, and sponsors joined by Zoom to take part in giving recognition to the 2019–20 WASA Board of Directors, Component and Committee Chairs, Region Presidents, WASA retirees, Gallagher Howard M. Coble and Piper Sandler Doyle E. Winter Scholarship winners, and PEMCO Robert J. Handy Award recipients. President Krestin Bahr, with the assistance of President-elect Brian Talbott and Executive Director Joel Aune, presided over the event. WASA 2020–21 President-elect candidates, Jeff Davis, Superintendent of Onalaska, and Aaron Leavell, Superintendent of Bremerton, each presented a live five-minute candidate speech to the audience. Special recognition was given to ESD superintendents for their extraordinary and consistent model of leadership and support given to school leaders and their districts. Appreciation was shown to the corporate sponsors who supported this event and many others during these extraordinary times. The event wrapped up with the passing of the gavel, presentation of the President's ring to President-elect Brian Talbott, and recognition of President Krestin Bahr's year of leadership of WASA. Click [here](#) to view the video of the WASA 2020 End of the Year Celebration, event program, or hear the candidates' speeches.



ARE YOU CONNECTED TO WASA?

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for information on upcoming conferences and workshops, legislative news and updates, and school news.

Gallagher Howard M. Coble Scholarship



Marcus Pimpleton, Principal/
Superintendent Intern, Quincy School
District

Piper Sandler Doyle E. Winter Scholarship



Ben Ferney, Superintendent, Valley
School District

PEMCO Robert J. Handy Award Winners



Medium Size District
Scott Sattler, Superintendent,
Bridgeport School District



Large Size District
Denny Waters, Deputy Superintendent,
Battle Ground Public Schools

WASA Honorary Awards to Relaunch Nominations

Honorary Awards were suspended for both Region and State Award nominations last March amid the COVID-19 crisis. After the Honorary Awards committee reconvenes in August, further information will be sent to all members with details on the newly revised deadlines for fall Region and State Award nominations. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the great work regionally and statewide that occurred during these unusual past few months. The Honorary Awards process will revert into its normal rhythm this spring to celebrate the work that has yet to be done in 2020–21. Watch for further information to be posted on the WASA website, WASA News and Hotline, and by email to members.

WASA Board Minutes in Brief— June 29, 2020

The Board approved the following:

- Consent Calendar—June 2020 Comparative Membership Report, Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes–April 2020 and June 2020, WASA Board Minutes—April 20, 2020, April 2020 Income Statement, and April 2020 Balance Sheet
- 2020–21 WASA Goals and Actions
- Election of the WASA Secretary and Treasurer for 2020–21
- Re-Appointment of VEBA Representative, Michael Dunn

The Executive Director's Report included:

- 2019–20 WASA Goals, Action Steps, and Tasks
- Investment Policy
- 2019–20 WASA Legal Defense Expenditures

Presentations/Discussion Items included:

- Board of Tellers to Certify the WASA President-elect Election
- 2020–21 Preliminary Budget

Also, the WASA Assistant Executives provided reports on:

- ERNN
- Management Reviews
- SIRS
- Superintendent Mentor Program
- Legislative Update
- Legislative and Finance Committee
- Legislative Coalition
- Professional Learning Conferences, Workshops, Academies, and the Professional Learning Series
- Inclusionary Practices Project
- WSLA

The next WASA Board meeting is October 5, 2020.

Welcome New Members!

Dawn Walker, Blaine SD
Jennifer Whitney, Burlington-Edison SD
Jasen McEathron, Camas SD
Kari Clithero, Central Kitsap SD
Katie Howell, Chehalis SD
Melanie Helle, Chief Leschi School
Greg Price, Columbia - Hunters SD
Guy Strot, Dayton SD
Kevin Anderson, Dieringer SD
Gustavo Balderas, Edmonds SD
Dana Geaslen, Edmonds SD
Cathy Woods, Everett PS
Brian Grimsted, Evergreen PS -
Vancouver
Tim Crawford, Federal Way PS
David Herrera, Federal Way PS
Eric Hong, Federal Way PS
Reggie Matto, Federal Way PS
Chris McCrummen, Federal Way PS
Alisha Peretti, Federal Way PS
Michelle Turner, Federal Way PS
Faye Britt, Ferndale SD
Josephine Chase, Grandview SD
Gayle Wilson, Granite Falls SD
Jacqui Vansoest, Green Mountain SD
Jeanie Beebe, Hood Canal SD
Katherine Kent, Hood Canal SD
Richard Stewart, La Conner SD
Yvonne Walker, Manson SD
Christopher Pearson, Marysville SD
Brad Roden, Marysville SD
Andrew Struiksma, Marysville SD
Rodger Verbeck, Marysville SD
Heather Ellingson, Mead SD
Bob Rogers, Mill A SD
Victor Scarpelli, Monroe SD
Charles Griffin, Mount Pleasant SD
Jon Ronngren, Mount Vernon SD
Shane Schutz, Napavine SD
Gwen Lyon, North Kitsap SD
Lindsey Maehlum, North River SD
Tyler Stiner, North Thurston PS
Catherine Hunt, Northport SD
Tonia Johnston, Oak Harbor PS
Michael Hart, Olympia SD
Heidi Wagner, Othello SD

Aimee Gordon, Peninsula SD
Sarah Gillispie, Puyallup SD
Adriana Julian, Puyallup SD
Richard Lasso, Puyallup SD
Alicia Nosworthy, Puyallup SD
Lisa Rowan, Puyallup SD
Rebecca Williams, Puyallup SD
Mark Decker, Quileute Tribal School
Eric Sobotta, Reardan-Edwall SD
Emily Ganyo, Renton SD
Jesse Buchholz, Richland SD
Zachery Carpenter, Richland SD
Robert Sorensen, Richland SD
Calvin Woods, San Juan Island SD
Nicole Finch, Snoqualmie Valley SD
Ingird Colvard, Stevenson-Carson SD
Kristi Krieg, Tonasket SD
Lilly Martin, Tonasket SD
Trisha Roach, Tonasket SD
Matt Ishler, Tumwater SD
Jolinda Davis, Warden SD
Michael Amend, Washtucna SD
Staci Bain, Wenatchee SD
Michael Lane, Wenatchee SD
Christopher Nesmith, West Valley SD -
Yakima
Danielle Waters, White River SD
Stephen Rood, Yelm Community Schools



Do you know someone who wants to join WASA? Tell them to visit [online](#) and sign up today!

Welcome and Congratulations to All Incoming Superintendents!

Justin Irish, Anacortes SD
Lisa Grant, Centralia SD
Christine Moloney, Chehalis SD
Greg Price, Columbia - Hunters SD
Guy Strot, Dayton SD
Gustavo Balderas, Edmonds SD
Shaun Carey, Enumclaw SD
Jeffrey Baerwald, Great Northern SD
Jose-de-Jesus Melendez, Kahlotus SD
Traci Pierce, Kennewick SD
Richard Stewart, La Conner SD
Jon Holmen, Lake Washington SD
Yvonne Walker, Manson SD
Justin Blasko, Monroe SD
Glenn Malone, Mossyrock SD
Charles Griffin, Mount Pleasant SD
Ismael Vivanco, Mount Vernon SD
Alison Brynelson, Mukilteo SD
Shane Schutz, Napavine SD
Effie Dean, Nesepelem SD
Lindsey Maehlum, North River SD
Michael Porter, Omak SD
Steve McKenna, Orondo SD
Tony Apostle, Orting SD
Eric Johnson, Palisades SD
Jill Diehl, Pioneer SD
Sandra Gessner-Crabtree, Port Townsend SD
Justin Bradford, Prescott SD
John Polm, Puyallup SD
Mark Decker, Quileute Tribal School
Eric Sobotta, Reardan-Edwall SD
Shelley Redinger, Richland SD
Brett Cox, Roosevelt SD
Calvin Woods, San Juan Island SD
Adam Swinyard, Spokane PS
Eric Patton, Steptoe SD
Ingird Colvard, Stevenson-Carson SD
Michael Hanson, Tahoma SD
Andy Harlow, Wahluke SD
Kyle Rydell, West Valley SD - Spokane



UPLOAD YOUR MEMBERSHIP PHOTO

If you haven't already, please help us keep our membership directory up to date by taking a moment to upload your photo to your WASA member profile page. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Tricia McCosh at pmccosh@wasa-oly.org.

Professional Learning & Academies Updates

Professional learning will continue virtually over the coming months. We miss our in-person events and look forward to the day we are together again. Schedules are tight, and the work is overwhelming, but we urge you to make time for professional learning—for yourself and for your teams.

Please contact Mike Nelson at mnelson@wasa-oly.org or Jamie Chylinski at jchylinski@wasa-oly.org with academy or professional learning questions.

Professional Learning



Leadership Amidst Uncertainty

August 21 and October 23 | 8:30–9:30 a.m.

Register for either or both sessions and join us as we explore options for navigating these uncertain and difficult times.

August 21

Leading a Bravespace Workplace

As we prepare for the year ahead, let's explore what leaders can do to create resilience and team cohesion amidst uncertainty and change. In this interactive session, Moe Carrick will provide practical tools and takeaways for understanding and meeting the needs of returning staff in confusing times. Specifically, we will focus on:

- Constructing a workplace fit for humans and the key levers for leaders during change and uncertainty (#bravespaceworkplace);
- Seven things people need from work and what leaders can do to support people;
- Explore the connection between head and heart habits as a means for navigating non-stop stress at work and at home; and
- Map personal strategies to keep your team healthy and thriving.

October 23

You Are Enough: Leading with Courage

The most powerful skill set leaders at every level have is how they show up, every day, with an open heart and curiosity. Amidst the hectic period of the Fall, let's tuck into courage as a practice using yourself as a key lever in creating team and individual health and connection. Specifically, we will:

- Review the four courage building skills of Dare to Lead™ in uncertain times and across differences;
- Explore vulnerability as a skill for leaders in creating connection and building trust;
- Use BRAVING tools for building a healthy team amidst rapid fire change; and
- Identify one new habit for showing up in your role in a way that creates connection.

Learn more and register at www.wasa-oly.org/LeadershipAmidstUncertainty.

2020 WASA/OSPI Special Education Conference

There's still time to register! This year's conference will be delivered via a series of monthly sessions, August–December, 8:30–11:30 a.m.

We know your schedule is tight and conflicts arise. Although we encourage live participation to maximize your learning, the sessions will be recorded and delivered post-session (after processing) to paid registrants (not shareable, password required). This allows you to register with confidence and keep current in this ever-changing world.

Content will evolve as we continue navigating the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on school districts and students with disabilities. Several sessions will include school district best practices presentations. The current agenda topics include:

Session 1: August 10 | Starting Strong 2020–21

CARES

Back to School Reopening and Students with Disabilities Data Analysis

Session 2: September 17 | Unlocking Funds for Innovative Supports

Multi-tiered Multiplier

Update on CARES

Blending and Braiding Funds

Session 3: October 15 | Inclusion: Progress through People

Inclusionary Practices Handbook

Inclusionary Practices Demonstration Sites

Use of Paraeducators

Early Childhood

TIES

Session 4: November 19 | Getting a High ROI on PBIS and SEL

Behavior Intervention and PBIS

Reducing Restraint or Isolation

SEL

Session 5: December 10 | Standards and IEP Services

Supporting Graduation Pathways

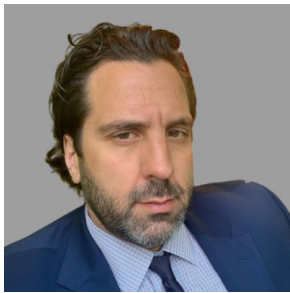
Learn more and register at www.wasa-oly.org/sped20.

**LEADING INNOVATIVE CHANGE
WITH GEORGE COUROS**

OCTOBER 6, 8:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.
VIA ZOOM

2020 WASA FALL CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars—George Couros is coming in October to the 2020 WASA Fall Conference! Registration now at www.wasa-oly.org/Fall20. This is a great professional learning opportunity for you AND your district team.



GEORGE COUROS
Learner, Speaker, Author

FOLLOW GEORGE!



QUICK LINKS: COVID-19 RESOURCES

[WASA Coronavirus & Pandemic Resources](#)

[AASA Resources on COVID-19](#)

[OSPI Guidance & Resources](#)

Region Events—August

For the most up-to-date information regarding scheduled regional meetings or events, contact your region ESD. Previously scheduled in-person meetings are being held by Zoom with weekly or twice-weekly updates in regions.

Spotlight on a WASA Diamond-Level Sponsor



OAC has a specialty education practice within OAC's broader firm that collaborates with school districts throughout Washington State. We partner with schools for long-range planning, state study and surveys, building condition analysis, bond and levy planning, new construction, modernization projects, and district-wide small capital improvements in all delivery methods. We make concerted efforts to attract thought leaders in learning environment construction to our teams and to grow our specialty education practice. We are proud to staff over 30 (and growing) dedicated K–12 experts in our Seattle, Olympia, Everett, and Spokane offices. As former leaders in education practices, the OAC team understands the distinct need to bridge the gap between educators, designers, and contractors around learning environments.

As a standard practice, OAC reaches out to key players in education to better inform our team in building better places to learn. In addition to alternative best practices in construction, we invite thought leaders in all industries to our annual "EDU Summit" to discuss success, lessons learned, and thoughtful innovations in the field of education. We bring together superintendents, capital project directors, architects, and contractors to talk about risk in design and construction. We have difficult conversations around diversity, equity, and inclusion in learning environments to support more successful collaboration.

For 65 years, we've collaborated with our clients from pre-bond planning through post-occupancy evaluation to expand, replace, renovate, and maintain school facilities—a critical step in achieving their educational missions.

Event Calendar

WASA/OSPI SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE SESSION 1
August 10 | Zoom
One session per month, August–December.
Register now at www.wasa-oly.org/SPED20.

WASA INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES COHORT 1 STATEWIDE DISTRICT TEAM CONVENING
August 12 | 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

WASA INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES COHORT 2 STATEWIDE DISTRICT TEAM CONVENING
August 13 | 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

WASA INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES STATEWIDE INTRODUCTION TO UDL WITH KATIE NOVAK
August 14 | 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

LEADERSHIP AMIDST UNCERTAINTY WITH MOE CARRICK
August 21 | 8:30–9:30 a.m. | Zoom
Register now at www.wasa-oly.org/LeadershipAmidstUncertainty.

WASA/OSPI SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE SESSION 2
September 17 | Zoom

WASA INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES DISTRICT TEAM FACILITATOR WORKSHOP
September 21 | Zoom
Cohort 2 Eastside

WASA MENTOR AND EARLY CAREER SUPERINTENDENT ACADEMIES
September 21 | Zoom
View details at www.wasa-oly.org/MA and www.wasa-oly.org/ECSA.

WASA INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES DISTRICT TEAM FACILITATOR WORKSHOP
September 22 | Zoom
Cohort 2 Westside

WASA SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR ACADEMY
September 24 | 8:30–10 a.m. | Zoom
View details at www.wasa-oly.org/SPEDA.

WASA FALL CONFERENCE
October 6 | Four Points by Sheraton Seattle Airport South

WASA/AESD/AASA ASPIRING SUPERINTENDENT ACADEMY
October 8 | 9–11:30 a.m. | Zoom
View details at www.wasa-oly.org/ASA.

WASA/OSPI SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE SESSION 3
October 15 | Zoom

WASA INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES DISTRICT LEADERSHIP WEBINAR
October 19 | Zoom
Cohort 1: 9–10:30 a.m.
Cohort 2: 10–11:30 a.m.

WASA MENTOR AND EARLY CAREER SUPERINTENDENT ACADEMIES
October 19 | Zoom

LEADERSHIP AMIDST UNCERTAINTY WITH MOE CARRICK
October 23 | 8:30–9:30 a.m. | Zoom
Register now at www.wasa-oly.org/LeadershipAmidstUncertainty.

WASA SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR ACADEMY
October 29 | 8:30–10 a.m. | Zoom

WASA/OSPI SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE SESSION 4
November 19 | Zoom

WASA/AESD/AASA ASPIRING SUPERINTENDENT ACADEMY
December 3 | 9–10:30 a.m. | Zoom

WASA SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR ACADEMY
December 3 | 8:30–10 a.m. | Zoom

WASA WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP MINI-CONFERENCE
December 7 | Zoom

WASA WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP MINI-CONFERENCE
December 7 | Zoom

WASA/OSPI SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE SESSION 5
December 10 | Zoom

Upcoming Awards & Scholarships

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

The Superintendent of the Year program is designed to recognize the outstanding leadership of active, frontline superintendents.

Application Process: May 1–October 1, 2020

To review the criteria for the various awards, visit the [WASA website](#). Watch future editions of Hotline for further information on award opportunities.

School Information and Research Service (SIRS): The Reliable Information Network

To find out more about the benefits of becoming a SIRS member district, [click here](#).



SIRS is a nonprofit organization that provides data and information on school organization, administration, operation, finance, and instruction to specifically meet the needs of superintendents, central office administrators, principals, and school board members. SIRS contracts with WASA for management services. Andy Wolf, WASA's Assistant Executive Director for Administrative Services, serves as the SIRS Executive Director.

SIRS produces Leadership Information, the Legislative Handbook, and the SIRS Salary Survey Report, in addition to occasional special reports like the Ample School Funding Project.

LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

Leadership Information (LI) is a series of monthly and quarterly articles that will help to shape and inform your educational leadership practice. These articles contain relevant school information research on the best practices being utilized in today's educational setting.

SIRS has partnered with the Hanover Research institute to provide this service to our members.

SIRS LEGISLATIVE HANDBOOK

SIRS Legislative Handbook is an annual guide to the Washington State Legislature. It provides school administrators and professional associations with information about our state government including directories, website links and email addresses, legislative maps, and much more. The handbook is a valuable tool for participating effectively in the legislative process. It is also an excellent addition for social studies classrooms and school libraries. The handbook is available online to SIRS members and can be downloaded and distributed to your staff.

2020–21 WASA Region Presidents

Region 101	Dave Smith, Newport
Region 105	Brian Hart, Granger
Region 108	James Everett, Meridian
Region 109	David Paratore, Monroe
Region 110	Donna Colosky, Mercer Island
Region 111	Kathi Weight, Steilacoom
Region 112	Mary Templeton, Washougal
Region 113	Brian Wharton, Yelm
Region 114	Marty Brewer, Port Angeles
Region 123	Michelle Whitney, Pasco
Region 171	John Boyd, Quincy

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2020–21 WASA OFFICERS

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President-elect: TBD
Past President: Krestin Bahr, Eatonville
Secretary: Jennifer Bethman, Bethel
Treasurer: Henry Strom, Grandview