

WASA News

June 2022



The WASA News is a monthly publication that provides key information to you in a concise, quick-read format. For those who want a bit more detail, links to additional information are embedded in the text of this publication. We hope you find WASA News to be an efficient way to keep abreast of new information, emerging issues, and timely resources. Be reminded that previous issues of the WASA News can be found on our [website](#).

“You’re simply the best. Better than all the rest...”

—Tina Turner

Dear %%Lisa%%,

On June 30, the 2021–22 year officially comes to an end. This “second edition” of the WASA News for the month of June will also be the last of the year.

I hope this final message finds you catching your breath a little bit. While the work never really ends for you, this time of year generally affords some opportunity to begin clearing your head, expanding your thinking, and refining planning and preparation efforts for next year. I trust you are also scheduling some much-deserved time away from your work-related responsibilities.

As always, this issue of WASA News includes information, updates, and resources that you will find helpful. Mike Nelson and his team are already full steam ahead on professional learning opportunities for the summer and next year. The WASA Board will be taking action to adopt the 2023 Legislative Platform on **June 25**. We intend to send it out to you shortly thereafter.

Many of us will be in Spokane, attending the Summer Conference **June 26–28**. This year’s conference programming is thoughtfully designed to meet your needs in the moment, and as you look toward next year. Perhaps best of all, the opportunity to gather in person at the annual Summer Conference in Spokane (after nearly three years) promises to provide ample opportunity to connect with your friends and colleagues, while celebrating the end of a long and challenging school year. It’s not too late to [register](#) for this year’s conference, so please consider joining us next week.

In my role, I have the distinct privilege of observing, engaging with, supporting, and serving school district leaders across the entire state of Washington. Each day I see and experience your competence, character, passion, and unrelenting dedication to children. Your work and leadership have been magnificent amidst the most difficult circumstances imaginable. In fact, I believe history will record this time as our finest hour. What has been accomplished the past two years is nothing short of remarkable.

None of this happens without you all leading the way. School communities across the entire state are so fortunate to have [you](#) leading our schools and taking care of the students in them.

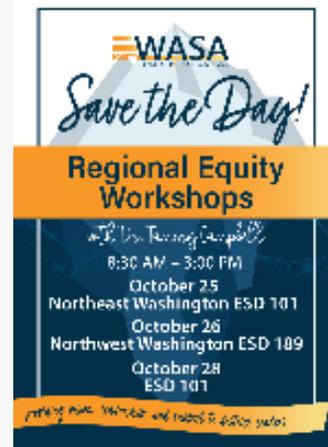
Tina’s words ring true—you’re simply the best...

Have a great summer,

G. Joel Aune
Executive Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WASA|AWSP Summer Pre-Conference** June 25–26 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m. | Spokane
- **WASA|AWSP Summer Conference— Celebrating 40 Years** June 26–28 | Spokane
- **Special Ed Preconference** July 28–29 | Des Moines
- **WASA RULER Training** August 2–3 | Des Moines
- **MTSS Integrated Systems Conference** August 4 and 5 | 8:30–11:30 a.m. | Virtual



[Click here](#) to view the most recent version of the WASA event calendar.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR 2022–23 PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

WASA has worked to create an easy-to-read brochure with photographs, past experience, and a personal letter to WASA leaders from each president-elect candidate. The Presidents-elect candidates, **Michael Green** and **Mike Villarreal**, have also created three videos, focusing on goals, priorities, and visions, should they be elected as WASA President. You can see these items on the WASA website under the **President-elect Campaign!** Emails will be sent to WASA Members for voting on **August 1**, so keep an eye on your email.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER
FOR THE WASA/AWSP 2022 SUMMER CONFERENCE!**

June 26–28 | Spokane

WASA and AWSP are excited to host the **2022 WASA/AWSP Summer Conference** held in-person at the Spokane Convention Center this year. Join us for an opportunity to network and learn with fellow school leaders. This is a year of celebration—not only because it's the **40th anniversary** of the WASA/AWSP Summer Conference—but also because school leaders like you have overcome unimaginable obstacles during the past three school years.

This year's theme is "You Belong Here." Sessions will focus on belonging, inclusion, collaboration, climate & culture, systems, and student learning. Hear from keynote speakers **Ben Nemtin**, **Shelley Moore**, and **Dr. Richard Antoine White**. You can learn more and register for the event [here](#).

SUMMER CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 26 | 8 a.m. Shotgun Start | Liberty Lake Golf Course
Reserve your place now! The registration fee is \$85 per golfer and includes green fees, cart, lunch, and prize contributions. To join the fun, register via email to **Jeff Jurgensen** at jjurgensen@oacsvcs.com and include any foursome requests. Payment will be made onsite at the registration table prior to the 8 a.m. shotgun start. The registration table opens at 7 a.m. at the Liberty Lake Golf Course.

NEW PRINCIPALS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS TRAINING!

June 25–26 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

OSPI will be offering Stage I training in the three instructional frameworks **during the pre-conference weekend (June 25–26) of the WASA/AWSP Summer Conference**. There will also be a session on conducting Learning Focused Conversations; this session provides a great foundation for learning skills that support the kind of growth-focused conversations needed to use the revised Student Growth Goal rubrics.

Trainings offered by ESDs in the Leadership and Instructional Frameworks can be found on OSPI's TPEP website under "**Framework Trainings**;" select the appropriate framework from the menu on the left-hand bar.

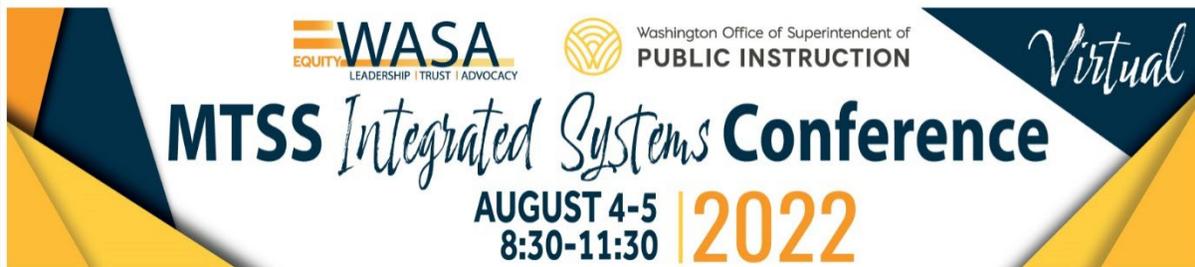
The banner features the WASA logo (Equity, Leadership, Trust, Advocacy) and the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction logo. The main text reads "Special Education Directors Preconference" with the location "Four Points Sheraton Des Moines, WA". On the right, a stylized graphic shows the dates: "2022 JULY 28 1:00-9:00 JULY 29 8:30-3:00".

JOIN OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS PRECONFERENCE!

July 28, 2022 | 1:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. | Des Moines, WA

July 29, 2022 | 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | Des Moines, WA

This in-person conference will provide information needed to be successful in the education system. With Keynote speakers **Shelley Moore** and **Alex Lee**, topics of the preconference include: operationalizing MTSS, dyslexia research, organization, and personal experiences from veteran directors and early career directors. Find out more and register [here](#).



MTSS INTEGRATED SYSTEMS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN

August 4–5 | 8:30–11:30 a.m. | Virtual

You may know it as MTSS Fest in the past; this year's conference will be an **MTSS Integrated Systems Conference**, as systems continue to get aligned. By integrating our efforts, we increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our resources to better support staff and students. We're excited to continue learning together with keynote speakers, **Alex Lee** and **Phil Strain**, about how we can ensure our systems work for EVERY student from preschool through graduation. Register for this **complimentary** event [here](#).



JUMPSTART YOUR 2022–23 CES GRANT APPLICATION!

Applications Due | 5 p.m. on August 8, 2022

Any district with a high school that wants to increase equitable access to dual application can apply for up to \$75K of support. Official iGrant 154 applications launch in **mid- to late-July**, but you can prepare [this pre-launch worksheet](#). Contact Tim McClain at Tim.McClain@k12.wa.us with questions.

HAVE YOU READ THE NEWEST *HOTLINE*?

The **WASA Hotline**, published six times during the year, provides key information and subject matter of interest to WASA members. A good share of the content for the Hotline is written by WASA members and school district leaders—past and present. As part of WASA's 50th Anniversary this year, each issue of the *Hotline* also takes a walk back in time to revisit our proud history. Check out the most recent issue of the *Hotline*, as well as other issues published during the past year.



BE A PART OF WASA'S INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP NETWORK!

The **Instructional Leadership Network (ILN)** has just completed Year One of the two-year initiative and is comprised of nearly 200 participants, representing approximately 85 school districts and ESDs from across the state. **Regular learning experiences each year include:**

- Two in-person statewide conferences
- Six half-day statewide virtual workshops
- Monthly optional virtual lunch learning sessions

In addition to internationally-recognized guest speakers, the network is fortunate to have a regular partnership with network advisors, **Dr. Peter DeWitt** and **Dr. Jenni Donohoo**. The Instructional Leadership Network is gearing up for Year Two of the project and is continuing to welcome new members who want to be a part of this exciting, powerful, one-of-a-kind group of professionals. You can learn more and register for the network [here!](#)



APPLY FOR WASHINGTON STATE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2022–23

Through August 1, 2022 | *Developing leaders and systems who remove barriers to uplift all students*

Washington State Leadership Academy is currently accepting applications for the 2022–23 team openings, beginning in fall. **They offer:**

- Strategic equitable system planning, growth and development
- Build and expand adaptive leadership skills
- Grow collaboration and ownership throughout your system
- 15 days of in-district leadership team coaching

Let WSLA support your elevation of learning opportunities and success for all students. Contact **Sharon Bower** via email at sbower@waleadershipacademy.org or by calling 360.520.6503 for more information and to apply.



CELEBRATING WASA AT 50

Did you know?

Murray Taylor was WASA's first Executive Secretary. Hired in 1971, Taylor served as Executive Secretary until 1977, when **Doyle Winter** was hired as WASA's first full-time Executive Director. In 1974, Taylor **wrote a letter** to the executive boards of WASA and SIRS summarizing his role, details about his work, and an overview of the association's focus and activities during his first three years on the job. His letter provides an interesting and informative look back to the early days of WASA.



Murray A. Taylor, First
WASA Ex. Secretary

UPDATED TIMELINES FOR 2022–23 TPEP

OSPI TPEP Steering Committee has recently released **this bulletin**, which includes the updated implementation timeline for districts to use the revised Student Growth Goals and information about how districts will communicate their implementation plans. To be eligible for TPEP iGrant 664 funds in 2022–23, districts will need to submit a

plan for implementing the revised Student Growth Goal rubrics. Specific instructions for developing the plan will be available in the iGrant 664 application. The updated Danielson Framework by the TPEP Steering Committee and a timeline for transitioning to this updated version for our state is also available on the bulletin. By **June 30, 2023**, OSPI will offer updated Stage I, Stage II, and Teacher Overview trainings using the updated framework.

LOOKING FOR SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

SEARCH NO FURTHER THAN WSPA!

WSPA is offering several opportunities for professional development this summer. These new offerings include Conflict Mediation, Discipline and Investigations, and Bargaining Boot Camp. Find out more about these summer sessions and register on [their website!](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY GRANTS AVAILABLE

Is your district already planning for outdoor learning, especially to support Title 1, Title 3, Title 6, IDEA, and 504 qualifying students? The **Pacific Education Institute (PEI)** is accepting applications for environmental literacy grants, with a deadline of **July 15, 2022**. Reviews will continue until all funds are allocated. If interested, visit the [Environmental Literacy Grant webpage](#) to learn more.



APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR INCLUSIONARY PRACTICES 2022–23

Applications due | August 10

WASA's Inclusionary Practices Project is beginning to accept new applicants. The application process is open now through **August**; you can learn more and apply [here!](#) Please contact **Helene Paroff** at hparoff@wasa-oly.org or 509.953.9512 with any questions.

APPLY NOW FOR UW ONLINE CERTIFICATE IN NATIVE EDUCATION

Program starts | Autumn 2022

UW College of Education and UW Professional and Continuing Education will be offering the Native Education Certificate program for the next cohort with hybrid learning opportunities beginning **Autumn 2022**. This two-year 10-credit program is designed to cultivate educators' abilities to create meaningful and effective relationships and partnerships with Native American students, families, and communities through community-based pedagogies. [Learn more here.](#)

COMMUNICATION TOOLS: PEDIATRIC VACCINE

From OSPI: The Department of Health has created toolkits for healthcare providers and for schools to help them communicate about the vaccine to parents and guardians. The links are listed below:

- [What Parents/Guardians Should Know About Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines: Pediatric Vaccine Toolkit for Providers \(PowerPoint\)](#)

RESOURCES

WASA has developed a storehouse of resources. The following have been recently uploaded to our [website](#):

EQUITY

- [Rooting Social and Emotional Well-Being Efforts in Equity](#) (Center to Improve Social and Emotional Learning and School Safety)

OTHER

- [Best Practices in Math Course Sequencing](#) (Hanover Research)
- [Survey: Third of Students Reluctant to Seek Help for Mental Health Issues](#) (K-12 Dive)
- [Addressing the Decline of Vaccination Rates of U.S. Students: A Toolkit for Educational Leaders](#) (AASA)
- [Systematizing Climates That Elevate Student Voice and a Sense of Safety and Belonging](#) (Hanover Research)
- [Best Practices for Equitable Advanced Course Participation and Supports](#) (Hanover Research)



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT!

This month's Sponsor Spotlight features WASA's Diamond-level sponsor—[WSRMP](#). We are grateful for their unwavering support of our members and programs! Click their link to learn more about them.



Washington Schools Risk Management Pool

Contact: [Charles Upchurch](#)

AASA CORNER

- After 13 years, AASA Executive Director, [Dan Domenech](#) has announced his plan to retire following AASA's 2023 National Conference, next February. Dan's stellar leadership has been transformational for AASA. We offer congratulations and wish Dan the very best in his well-deserved retirement.
- The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) has released updated school [Behavior Threat Assessment and Management \(BTAM\)](#) resources, including a detailed guide of [best practices considerations for K-12 schools](#) to support BTAM training, and [guidance to uphold student civil rights](#) throughout behavior threat assessment.
- AASA has released a [toolkit](#) aimed at supporting all providers of early learning, especially school districts, as they embrace the significant responsibility of providing early childhood education.



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