



OSPI Update April 2019

2019 Student Support Conference

Registration is now open for the 2019 Student Support Conference “Better Together, Collaboration, Coordination, and Compassion.” The conference will be held in Wenatchee on May 23 and May 24, 2019. This is a professional learning opportunity for all K–12 education professionals. This event will provide useful information and helpful resources to benefit the work educators do every day. The goals for this conference include:

- Creating a positive professional space for partnerships, networking, and community building among educators, administrators, counselors, mentors, case managers, and other organizations serving vulnerable youth.
- Providing new tools and evidence-based knowledge to support current efforts to successfully remove physical, social, emotional, and behavioral barriers to learning in the K–12 setting.

Use this link to register: <https://registration.esd101.net/public/course/browse>

If you need additional information, contact Cindi Wiek at cindi.wiek@k12.wa.us or 360-725-6053.

2019 Classified School Employee of the Year and 2020 Teacher of the Year Award Ceremonies

All ESD superintendents and leaders are invited to join us for these annual celebrations of accomplished educators. RSVP information is sent via email and hard copy 4–6 weeks before the events.

2019 Classified School Employee of the Year

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 | 11 am

Olympia | OSPI, Old Capitol Building | East Wing

2020 Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony

Monday, September 9, 2019 | 1:30 pm

Seattle | EMP Museum

Annual Governor’s Reception—To be Announced

All ESD superintendents are invited to attend this annual reception at the Executive Residence in Olympia in support of the award-winning educators from their regions. The date is typically during the last two weeks of June, negotiated between OSPI, the Executive Residence, and the Office of the Governor, and confirmed four weeks in advance.

Contact Hilary Seidel at hilary.seidel@k12.wa.us if you have questions about educator awards.

Beginning Educator Support Team (BEST)

This is a good time for your BEST consortium leads to work closely with consortium members to review budgets and expenditures. Sometimes districts know they won't be able to fully use their funds and it makes sense to shift allocations among districts to avoid leaving funds unused.

Many districts are making staffing cuts and/or projecting low numbers of hires in the coming year, which may result in beginning teachers being hired late in August or even into September. What will be in place, ready for last-minute-hires to support them and the start of the year?

Contact Marcy Yoshida at marcy.yoshida@k12.wa.us or 360-725-6430 if you have questions.

Building Your Educator Workforce: Best Practices for Teacher Recruitment, Selection, and Induction

Free, needs-based, online human resource training module encourages district HR teams to self-assess and deepen their knowledge, and to examine resources to assist them in attracting, recruiting, hiring, and retaining effective teachers.

The module is designed to address equitable access and the teacher shortage in Washington state through improved HR practices. The intended audience is broad and should include HR professionals in large, medium, and small districts as well as administrative staff and business managers whose functions involve HR related activities. Throughout the module, the resources offer suggestions to increase educator diversity for the benefit of all students and provides practical examples of best practices currently being used in Washington state.

For more information, contact Maria Flores at maria.flores@k12.wa.us.

Special Education and Local Bargaining Agreements

OSPI encourages ongoing conversations between school district directors, school district and school leaders, educators, educational staff associates (ESAs), and families, to identify and provide additional methods to support educators in meeting the needs of each and every student in their classroom and school. Now is a good time to review OSPI [Bulletin No. 047-18](#) on collective bargaining, as it may be helpful as district's engage in bargaining around services for their students with disabilities on an IEP.

Contact Glenna Gallo, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education, at 360-725-6075 or email glenna.gallo@k12.wa.us with questions.

Special Education Regional Meetings on Data: Growth Mindset and High Expectations for All Students

For the second year, OSPI Special Education is collaborating with ESD partners to continue discussions around growth mindset and high expectations for all students, based upon a review and analysis of updated 2017–18 special education data, including Child Count and Least Restrictive Environment, Assessment and Accountability, Graduation, and Post-School

Outcomes, as well as information showcased on the new OSPI Report Card. During these data discussions, district teams, led by the district special education director, also receive district- and building-level data, to support high-leverage, strategic planning for improving access and outcomes for students with disabilities. Superintendents may wish to review these data with their special education director or attend the meeting as part of the district team.

The regional meetings are scheduled as follows:

- ESD 121, Renton – March 11
- ESD 101, Spokane – March 14
- ESD 105, Yakima – March 20
- ESD 114, Bremerton – March 21
- ESD 171, Wenatchee – April 17
- ESD 113, Tumwater – April 18
- ESD 123, Pasco – April 19
- ESD 112, Vancouver – April 22
- ESD 189, Anacortes – TBD

If you have additional questions, please contact Tania May, Director of Special Education, at tania.may@k12.wa.us or 360-725-6075. Information regarding these meetings was disseminated through ESDs and through the OSPI Special Education Monthly Update, which is available at <http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/updates.aspx>.

Teacher Principal Evaluation Program (TPEP)

Please be sure you're using your TPEP training grant (iGrant 664) funding. Contact Sue Anderson, Director of Educator Effectiveness, at sue.anderson@k12.wa.us or 360-725-6116 if you'd like to discuss your grant.

Washington School Improvement Framework Data Rollout Postponed

OSPI is postponing the *public* release of this year's Washington School Improvement Framework data until **April 15**. OSPI is making changes to our IT servers and although it is small, there is a risk that the OSPI website, including the Report Card site, will experience intermittent outages following the migration. Preview data are currently available on the Secure Data Portal. Information has been sent to District CEDARS administrators, school improvement leads, and assessment coordinators about how to access and review the data.

If you have questions, please contact Lance Sisco, Director of Achievement Data, at 360-725-0421 or email lance.sisco@k12.wa.us; or Susan Canaga, Director of Data and Implementation, at 360-725-4473 or email susan.canaga@k12.wa.us; or Dr. Kristen Wong Callisto, Director of System and School Improvement, at 360-725-6380 or email kristen.wongcallisto@k12.wa.us.



2019 Student Support Conference **Better Together**

Collaboration, Coordination, and Compassion
5-22-19 – Pre-Conference Meeting (Invitation Only)
5-23 & 24-19 – Student Support Conference



Chan Hellman
"The Power of Hope"



Marleen Wong
"Trauma Leaves Children Behind: A Time for Social Justice, Public Policy, and new Case Law as Mandates for Trauma-Informed Schools"



Mark Weist
"Advancing Effective School Behavioral Health in Washington State"

May 23-24, 2019 | Wenatchee, WA

Register: bit.ly/StudentSupport2019



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