



NWESD Program Updates | March 2020

BEST Consortium

- The Annual BEST Convening and Mentor/Coach Conference has been postponed indefinitely
- Mentor Roundtable opportunities continue via Zoom. For a schedule of events, check out the [BEST website](#) at OSPI.
- We're coordinating with the BEST Program at OSPI to determine what adjustments will need to be made to our induction programs and expectations as a result of extended school closures.
- For more information regarding BEST please contact Sarah Southard at ssouthard@nwesd.org or Anita Garcia-Holzemer at agarcia@nwesd.org.

Computer Science

- Do you have a teacher planning to teach (AP) Computer Science Principles or another CS course? Beauty and Joy of Computing will be having multiple 5-day, intensive professional development opportunities this summer right here in Washington State. BJC PD is endorsed by the College Board and serves as an alternative to attending an AP Institute. The [BJC 2020 Flyer](#) has all training locations. For more information and to apply, go to: <https://bjc.berkeley.edu/summer-pd/>
- Our final NWESD Computer Science Leads meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 14th from 8:30 – 3:30 pm.
- For more information regarding our computer science program please contact Amy Colburn at acolburn@nwesd.org or Nancy Menard at nmenard@nwesd.org.

Early Learning

- We're working to gather and share resources to support continued learning and childcare for young children during the school closures and professional learning for staff. We'll be sharing ideas and opportunities with our networks via email.
- Recruitment for Early Learning Fellows is currently on hold for the 2020-21 school year given insecure funding for the program. Our final meeting for this year is scheduled for April 16th. We'll be making a determination in the next week about whether it's better to offer a Zoom option on the original date or to postpone the event.
- For more information regarding early learning programming please contact Sarah Southard at ssouthard@nwesd.org or Anita Garcia-Holzemer at agarcia@nwesd.org.

Education Technology

- For districts using zoom, using the [One Minute Video Introductions](#) and attending one of their daily [Live Training Webinars](#) may help users get started quickly.
- The [Organization for Educational Technology and Curriculum](#) (OETC) hosted a virtual [Spotlight panel on coronavirus response](#). You can watch the video to learn about what four districts in the PNW are working on. OETC plans to host other virtual panels in the future.
- For more information regarding education technology please contact Amy Colburn at acolburn@nwesd.org or Nancy Menard at nmenard@nwesd.org.

English Language Arts

- **Dyslexia Resources**
 - Check out the new [Crosswalk of Screeners for Literacy Skills Associated with Dyslexia](#) document, which is designed to help districts with decisions in meeting the required literacy screening.
 - The OSPI [Dyslexia FAQ](#) document was updated last month and remains an excellent resource as you plan for implementation.
- **ELA Fellows:** The last meeting of these literacy leaders was scheduled for April 16, but this will be rescheduled or changed to a Zoom. Participants will be notified next week regarding this change.
- **Professional Learning Opportunities**
 - **Online NWESD Workshops: Coming Soon!**
 - *An Introduction to Close Reading* (by 4/13/20)
 - *Close Reading: Digging Deeper Using Linked Text Sets* (by 4/13/20)
 - *Diverse Texts in the Classroom: Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors* (date TBD)
 - *Book Study: Visible Learning for Literacy* (dependent on book availability; date TBD)
 - *Close Reading, Research, and Writing in Grades 3-8: August 11-2 @ NWESD.*
- **Smarter Balanced News**
 - **Tools for Teachers** is replacing the Digital Library, which is closing on May 28. Learn more at [Tools for Teachers: Coming Soon!](#)
 - Smarter Balanced and Tools for Teachers are currently recruiting educators to join the **State Network of Educators (SNE)** on July 13-16 in Denver, CO. This team will review, update, and create instructional resources for Tools for Teachers. Please share this information with interested teachers at <https://sne.smarterbalanced.org/>
- For more information regarding ELA programming please contact Kim Kellogg at kkellogg@nwsd.org or Jennifer Longchamps at jlongchamps@nwsd.org.

Inclusionary Practices

- Currently, Washington State ranks in the lowest quintile for inclusionary practices. ESHB 1109 passed providing \$25,000,000 to implement professional development in support of inclusionary practices. CSTP partnered with [OSPI](#) for the planning and coordinating of this professional development. Statewide [WASA](#) supports professional learning at the district level and AESD supports professional learning at the building level.
- Five schools will meet at NWESD on May 26 & 27, 2020 to begin developing a common vision and philosophy of inclusion, analyze their current practices to identify strengths and weaknesses, and create an action plan to adopt classroom and school wide practices that facilitate inclusion.
- We are looking for **10 more schools to participate** in the inclusionary practices professional learning for the 2020-2021 school year.
- For more information regarding inclusionary practices or to join us in professional learning for next year, please contact Cassie Stevens at cstevens@nwsd.org or Anita Garcia-Holzemer at agarcia@nwsd.org.

Math

- **Online Learning Opportunities in Development** Regional Math Coordinators are working on developing online learning opportunities: Pre-K to 2 STEM, High School Math/STEM, and how we might delivery Math Fellows #4. More information and offerings to come.
- **Resources** are being compiled by OSPI. An excel spreadsheet is available on [OSPI Math Page](#) (link at the top) and other **Remote Learning Suggestions** on [WA OER](#)
- **Math Fellows #4** – was scheduled for 4/14. Plans are being developed on how to host the last session online.

- **Foundations in Early Numeracy for grades PreK-K-1**, earn 12-STEM hours. May 14 and 28. Registration [Event #102482](#)
- **Modeling Our World With Mathematics Summer Institute** - West Side Aug. 13-14, ESD113 (Olympia) and East Side Aug. 5-6 ESD123 (Pasco) Institute is offered at no charge. [Institute Flyer](#) and [Course Flyer](#)
- Smarter Balanced is hosting a **State Network of Educators (SNE)** workshop in Denver, CO July 13-16. Educators will work collaboratively to update the Digital Library. Teachers are encouraged to [apply](#).
- For more information regarding math services please contact Tina Mott at tmott@nwesd.org or Anita Garcia-Holzemer at agarcia@nwesd.org.

Migrant Education

- The Migrant Education Program Coordinators are working with local Migrant funded staff to identify questions migrant families have during the current school closures. NWESD MEP will direct district staff to resources and information from the Department of Health (DOH) and OSPI as well as consolidate a list of resources for families to access during this time.
- Statewide, migrant staff at ESDs are coordinating online professional learning opportunities for district staff to access during the school closures and beyond.
- For more information regarding our Migrant Education Program please contact Clint Weckerly at cweckerly@nwesd.org; Enrique Lopez at elopez@nwesd.org; or Tanya Rojas at trojas@nwesd.org.

School Improvement

NWESD and OSSI Spring Outreach via Zoom | Wednesday, March 25, 2020 | 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Tier 2 and Tier 3 School Leaders and Teams

Join Zoom Meeting : <https://zoom.us/j/422873681> | **Meeting ID: 422 873 681**

Prior to the meeting we will send reminders of the Zoom Meeting and links as well as the agenda and resource materials. Pay attention to your subject line in your email for Spring Outreach as the information may be sent out by various NWESD colleagues.

- Your NWESD School Improvement Team can help you respond to the challenge of increasing student learning and building educator capacity in an ever-changing landscape. We are developing offerings to provide:
 - Consultation and coaching regarding data to design actionable plans
 - Build responsive and productive teams
 - Develop Professional Learning goals, calendars and coherence for immediate and long-term growth
 - Understand the processes and protocols that manage and promote constructive change
 - Build learning focused communication skills
 - Build culture and climate for responsive teaching
 - Embed equity work in your leadership
- For more information regarding our School Improvement program please contact Gayle Everly at geverly@nwesd.org or Jennifer Longchamps at jlongchamps@nwesd.org.

Science

- Science Coordinators are translating more classes into Zoom and Canvas courses. Locally, look for NGSS-101 to be offered in smaller Zoom sessions as well as through Canvas.
- We are working as coordinators as well as with our community-based organization partners to offer STEM Clock Hours using ClimeTime funds. We will let people know as these ClimeTime offerings become available.
- Science Education Leadership statewide is trying to capture online learning opportunities available to students through other organizations.
- STEM Teaching Tools has worked with the CCSSO to compile a resource "Guidance for Supporting Science Learning During COVID-18"
<http://stemteachingtools.org/news/2020/guidance-for-supporting-science-learning-during-covid-19>
- For more information regarding our science programming please contact Brian MacNevin at bmacnevin@nwesd.org or Nancy Menard at nmenard@nwesd.org.

TPEP

- Igrant 664 funds need to be expended by June 30, 2020. At last check, several districts still have funds to spend. Consider any PD as a use for these funds, especially if it is improving teachers' instructional capacity.
- For more information regarding our TPEP support and services please contact Pam Estvold at pestvold@nwesd.org or Jennifer Longchamps at jlongchamps@nwesd.org.

Other

- Zaretta Hammond will be returning to NWESD on September 30 & October 1, 2020 to share her Culturally Responsive Teaching Foundations seminar. You can register at the [pdEnroller page](#).

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