

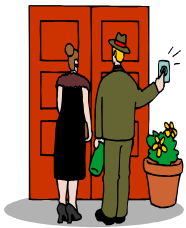
# CONNECTIONS

## WEA-Sammamish UniServ Council

### President's Message: *Thank you*

#### 181. That's my new number.

If we are successful in this upcoming legislative session in advancing a pro-education agenda, it will be due in part to the efforts of 181 Sammamish members who each donated 4 hours of their time to support pro-education candidates. They simply walked the talk. They were joined by colleagues across the state, nearly 700 total, ringing doorbells on behalf of our endorsed candidates.



A special thank you to Mike Radow, Sammamish WEA-PAC chair, who spent a month of his summer laying the groundwork for this effort.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE:

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**NEW EDUCATOR CAUCUS**

We're off to a great start with the New Educator Caucus! It is designed for certificated staff in their first five years in the profession. Bellevue, Issaquah, Lake Washington, Mercer Island, Riverview, Snoqualmie Valley, and Tahoma new educators are invited to attend.

Each session lasts two hours and includes time to connect and network with colleagues. We also offer a seminar on a topic relevant to new educators.

Clock hours are available at a nominal fee, but dinner and materials are provided at no charge.

Our next session is Nov. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Sammamish High School. The topic is *Organizing Your Workload & Setting Priorities*. To sign up or learn more, email Charlotte Cole at [ccole@washingonea.org](mailto:ccole@washingonea.org) or Kathleen Heiman at [kheiman@washingtonea.org](mailto:kheiman@washingtonea.org).

We hope to see you there! *Kathleen Heiman*



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**TAKE THE LEAD TAKES OFF**

The State PTA, League of Education Voters and WEA joined forces to sponsor *Take the Lead Talks* at Sammamish High School on Oct. 5. More than 150 citizens participated in this conversation, including local legislators and about 25 members.

The participants discussed the impact this lack of funding was having on the students in their schools and communities. At their tables they discussed action strategies and shared ideas and insights about ways to improve education funding. They all left more committed to fighting for increased and stable education funding that would get Washington back to a competitive level.

**WASHINGTON LEARNS REPORT DUE OUT NOVEMBER 13**

For the past fifteen months, the Governor's Washington Learns Steering Committee has been conducting an overall review of education in our state. For a number of reasons, the Committee has not yet finished this complex task. At their Nov. 8 meeting, they are expected to propose a plan to continue the K-12 work, and Governor Christine Gregoire has asked

the Committee to remain in place as this work continues. WEA President Charles Hasse shared with the Governor our concerns about the unanswered questions in the report on K-12 funding. He described the meeting as positive. The Governor says she remains committed to moving the state forward to address funding issues for Washington schools.

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5	6	7	8	9	10 Veteran's Day Observed	11
12		<b>American</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Week</b>		18 ESP Issues Conference
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26 Special Ed Forum	27	28 <b>New Educator Caucus</b>	29	30		

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