

CONNECTIONS

WEA-Sammamish UniServ Council

President's Message:

Sammamish Members Will be Lobbying for You

The Legislature convenes January 8 and a week later eight council members will meet with area legislators. WEA-PAC chair Mike Radow will join me, Eleanor Gilmore (WEA-Retired), Stephen Miller (BEA), Art Galloway (SEA), Scott Mitchell (TEA), Neva Luke (IEA), and Barbara Galler (IEA) in Olympia.

We will be urging legislators from our districts to follow Governor Christine Gregoire's lead and support a budget which makes public schools and colleges a clear priority. For more details on the proposed budget, check out WEA's webpage www.washingtonea.org.

While the budget doesn't solve the systemic and structural problems with school funding, it does show Governor Gregoire's strong commitment to public education. "Compared to what past leaders have proposed, this budget is monumental," said WEA President Charles

Hasse. "Compared to the need in Washington's public schools, we have a long way to go."

Our priorities for this session include increases in pay aimed at recruiting and retaining educators, a reduction in class size, funding of full-day kindergarten, improvements in educators' pensions, and a sizeable down payment on tackling the current funding crisis.

Sammamish Uniserv members will be encouraging our lawmakers to address our priorities and improve upon the governor's budget.

If you are interested in joining the Sammamish UniServ Council team of member lobbyists, contact your local president or call the Council office.



Mary Lindquist
Council President



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Restoring Washington's Commitment
to Great Public Schools

WEA ESP CONFERENCE—TAKING THE LEAD TO A LIVING WAGE

Following the example of several other states, WEA is launching a "Living Wage" campaign for all ESP members. The conference will be Feb. 9 and 10 at Lake Washington High School in Kirkland. Members interested in attending the conference should contact their local president or the Sammamish UniServ Council office. Deadline for registration is Jan. 18.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Make a difference. Stay up to date. To contact your legislators on your own time and not using district equipment/computers/phones, go to the WEA website www.washingtonea.org. Click on "E-mail your Legislators" and scroll down to *Washington Legislative Action Center*. There you can find out who your legislators are and get help in contacting them. ~Clarence Gunn

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

Congratulations to these teachers who have successfully completed the rigorous requirements needed to earn the NBC certificate signifying that the holder has met the highest standards established for the teaching profession:

BEA—Leslie Adams, Kimberly Alexander, Kenneth Appel, Kari Bartels, Enid Becker, Thomas Caruso, Thomas Cunningham, Shannon Ducharme, Jennifer Edwards, Danielle Edwards, Krysta French, Susan Fronckowiak, Megan Gegwich, Kirsten Heine, Paul Hopp, Carley Houlahan, Michelle Jones, Bonnie Lyon, Janette Mackay, Todd Mahaffey, Jennifer Marglin, Jeanine Medina, Jami Mickelson, Aaron Miller, Barbara Pastorelli, Margo Peacock, Matthew Perlman, Wendy Powell, Catherine Cari, Rea Alexander, Amy Robertson, Camille Scalise, Jason Schell, Carol Schmidt, Jeannine Sieler, Greta Sorenson, Laura Tews, Robin Tzucker, Sarah Viers, Mark Wilbert, Tracey Williams, Mary Yuhas, Eman Ziada Brandt; **IEA**—Carrie Alexander, Margaret Kaufman, Adrienne Long, Diane Parham, Kelleen Stubblefield, Rosamond Vaughan; **LWEA**—Kosal Chea, Maria Chesney, Nancy Denney, Kristin Dougherty, Leanne Dunlap, Mary Glodowski, Paul Hamann, Alyson Harkins, Robin Heliotis, Moya Hines-Yates, Marian Illingworth, Nancy Kuta, Leanne Mawhinney, Brigitte Tennis, Amy Tuckwell, Rachel Ulmer; **MIEA**—Lori Brennan, Angela Carey, Joanna Franklin, Kevin LaRock, Matthew McClung, Cheryl Roald Sandstrom; **SEA**—Gayle Smith; **TEA**—Jeana Haag, Tracy Krause, Jamie Vollrath.

NEW EDUCATOR CAUCUS

WEA Sammamish Council's New Educator Caucus offers professional development seminars for educators in the first five years of the profession. We open 2007 with a highly informative and engaging topic and speaker: Jerry Painter, WEA General Counsel, will discuss safer interactions with students and sexual harassment.

The meeting will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 23 at Sammamish High School in Bellevue. Dinner is provided, as well as the opportunity to get to know other new educators. Space is limited for this very important session, so please RVSP to Charlotte Cole at the Council office today by calling 425-822-9898 or emailing her at ccole@washingtonea.org. ~Kathleen Heiman

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