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Hello,

First, let us wish you a happy holiday season and prosperous New Year. We can't believe how fast the year is moving and hope that you will find some rest and relaxation over the winter holidays.

WSPA has a lot of exciting things happening in the new year and we hope you will join us at one of our many workshops and conferences. In addition to our professional development events, we are also working to finalize our legislative priorities and develop our work plan with *Cascade Government Affairs* as our new legislative liaison. You can read more about their organization and the work they will be doing on behalf of our members in the attached newsletter.

We have several events now open for registration -- please visit our website at www.wspa.net for registration and additional information:

21st Century Bargaining Workshop - TUKWILA

- January 11, 2019
- DoubleTree Suites by Hilton at Southcenter, Tukwila

21st Century Bargaining Workshop - SPOKANE

- January 25, 2019
- DoubleTree Suites by Hilton at City Center Spokane

WSPA Annual Conference

- Pre-Conference February 24, 2019
- February 25-27, 2019
- Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick

Washington Educator Career Fair - SPOKANE

- March 13, 2019
- Spokane Convention Center

Washington Educator Career Fair - TACOMA

- March 27, 2019

- Tacoma Dome Arena

Thank you,

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WSPA Welcomes New Legislative Liaison:

Cascade Government Affairs

Cascade Government Affairs has contracted with WSPA to provide legislative services for the 2018-2019 year.

- ⇒ **Lobbying services** — including state legislative and executive office engagement—promoting the best interests of Washington State School Districts on all matters of school funding.
- ⇒ **Strategic Legislative Counseling Issue Monitoring** — monitor and identify proposed bills that would be of interest and/or concern to WSPA members, discuss issues affecting WSPA with legislators, represent and testify on behalf of the association, develop legislative proposals and amendments to bills as directed by WSPA.
- ⇒ **Reporting, Communications, and Education** — providing regular updates on the status of key legislative issues, development of background information and educational materials on issues for dissemination to key decision makers.

Cascade Government Affairs, LLC (CGA), brings nearly 20 years of experience to government relations and public policy issues management, serving a broad range of clients.

Charles R. (Charlie) Brown, the principal of Cascade Government Affairs, provides sophisticated advocacy and experienced political insight, coupled with thorough reporting on a timely basis to his clients. Dr. Frank Hewins, former Superintendent for Franklin Pierce School District and Heidi Kay Walters, Attorney will also provide direct legislative and executive office agency engagement in partnership with WSPA and Cascade Government Affairs.

“The partnership between WSPA and Cascade Government Affairs will provide a proactive effort to promote the interests of WSPA to the Washington State Legislature, the Office of the Governor, and OSPI on all school funding matters

*- Curtis Leonard,
Executive Director*



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The mission of the Washington School Personnel Association is to provide leadership in promoting effective human resource practices within the education community through legislative involvement, professional development activities and a broad-based resource network.

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Join us!

Upcoming Events

- Randy Hathaway Scholarship Applications Close January 11, 2019
- 21st Century Bargaining Workshop - Tukwila January 11, 2019
- 21st Century Bargaining Workshop - Spokane January 25, 2019
- WSPA Board Meeting February 24, 2019
- WSPA Annual Conference Three Rivers Conference Center, Tri-Cities February 24-27, 2019
- WSPA Board Elections - Call for Nominations - March 4, 2019
- Washington Educator Career Fair Spokane Convention Center March 13, 2019
- WSPA Board Elections Open March 26, 2019
- Washington Educator Career Fair Tacoma Dome Arena March 27, 2019

WSPA Board of Directors and Administrative Team 2018-2019

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Region 4 Co-Representatives: Stacia Dorman and Dawn Long
Region 5 Co-Representatives: Denise Kennedy and Chelle Lente
Region 6 Co-Representatives: Debbie Kovacs and Jason Thompson

Did you know that each region offers training, support, and great networking opportunities? Visit our *Region Information* page for schedules contact information, and ways to get involved and connected: <https://www.wspa.net/region-information>