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What Does Your Union Do For You

Unions gave us fair wages and relative income equality.

E-mail in the Workplace



Members are encouraged to use the district e-mail in a constructive and professional manner. Please remember to be courteous and have consideration for others when replying to emails.

Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy

This is not a new tax

The replacement levy funds approximately 20% of the district's general fund budget. Levy dollars support local programs such as Physical Education, Music, Fine Arts, FFA, and Safety resources. For more information please visit the website:

http://www.wvps.org/levy/2012_Levy_Fact_Sheet.pdf

"If approved, the four year levy would replace the current levy which expires in December 2012"

Would you like to support the levy campaign?

Please see the attached payroll deduction/ donation form (attached to original e-mail)

POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

November 28, the first day of the Special Legislative session - is our designated DAY OF ACTION. In light of Governor Gregoire's budget proposal, and the inevitable cuts by the legislature, we are asking all members of WWVEA (along with family & friends) to sign a postcard declaring support for public education. You are welcome and encouraged to write your own message on the postcard. On November 28 WEA-SE Council members will hand deliver over 8000 postcards to our legislators. Please participate in this campaign - it is very important our legislators see we are united in our support of our students and their families.

Governor's Proposed Budget Reduction Alternatives

On October 27 the Governor released a list of budget reduction options. Included in this list were the items she would include, at this time, in her 2011-13 Supplemental Budget proposal. However, it is important to note that the next state Revenue Forecast is due on November 17, and should that forecast lower anticipated revenue even further, this list will be expanded. It is not expected that the next forecast will increase the level of expected revenue such that any of these items will not be part of this first supplemental budget proposal to be made public. The items included on the Governor's current list are as follows:

K-12:

- Shift June 2012 apportionment payment from June 30, 2013 (\$330million)
- Reduce levy equalization payments by 50% - (\$150 million)
 - ◊ For state fiscal year 2013, the state's total levy equalization payments are reduced by \$150 million. This is achieved through two adjustments beginning in calendar year 2013: 1) restructure levy equalization into four tiers of school districts, with targeted reduction amounts based on district's relative need; and 2) shift timing of levy equalization payments. The proposal does not change calendar year 2012 equalization payments.
 - ◊ Tiered Equalization - The governor's proposal restructures districts into four tiered groups, based on each district's property tax rate for maintenance and operations levies. Districts with the highest property tax rates will receive the lowest proposed reduction to levy equalization support.



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