



Legislative Assembly 2009

September 25-26, 2009
Hilton Vancouver Washington Hotel

Washington State School Directors' Association

The 2009 Legislative Assembly

The annual WSSDA Legislative Assembly is integral to the creation of the Association's legislative agenda for the coming year. WSSDA's Legislative Committee solicits input from all school boards in the state on legislative issues affecting public education. The committee meets twice during the summer to analyze these proposals and generate ideas and proposals of its own.

The Legislative Assembly acts on these proposals and creates a comprehensive legislative agenda, subject to final approval by the WSSDA Board of Directors.

The 2009 Legislative Assembly will be held at the Hilton Vancouver Washington Hotel. The Pre-Assembly program begins at **1:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25**. The Assembly convenes from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 26**.

Planning for the Assembly

All school directors and school district staff are encouraged to attend the WSSDA Legislative Assembly, although it should be noted that only school directors may address the Assembly and only one director per district may vote on an issue. While Legislative Representatives from each district normally serve as delegates to the Assembly, it is permissible to appoint an alternate. Any of the district's directors may serve as an alternate, and if desired, a different alternate may be designated for each issue.

Agenda

Agendas for the Legislative Assembly are not finalized until just prior to the meeting. Up-to-date information is accessible through the association Web site, **wssda.org**.

Registration

Registration is required to attend the Legislative Assembly. If you are paying by district purchase order, you may register online at **wssda.org** (under "Conferences and Meetings") or use the form below. The printed form is required for those paying by check.

Pre-registration is \$195 through Sept. 4. Late registration is \$220 and must be completed at the Assembly. Registration includes Friday evening reception/hors d'oeuvres, Saturday breakfast and lunch. There will be a \$50 charge for cancellations received after Sept. 4. No-shows are not eligible to receive refunds.

Accommodations

Hotel arrangements can be made by calling the Hilton Vancouver Washington Hotel at 360.993.4500. Be sure to indicate that you are attending the WSSDA Legislative Assembly. Rates start at \$120 single/double occupancy per night, excluding applicable taxes, until Aug. 31, 2009, on a space-available basis.

Questions?

For information or assistance, or if you have a disability or special need, contact Sheila Chard at 360.252.3011 or S.Chard@wssda.org.

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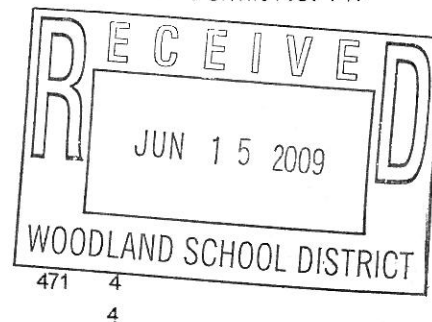


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for improvements to alternative assessments; and implementing strategies to help districts improve the alignment of curriculum and effective programs. The Assembly will address these changes and debate other possible modifications to the state's assessment system.

School district governance

The State Board of Education continues to discuss recommendations regarding the development of a new statewide public education accountability system. Included in the discussions have been possible interventions, which could range from the withholding of state apportionment, to forced curriculum changes, to "takeovers" of districts. The authority of elected school boards is being challenged on many levels. The Assembly will consider the challenges to local school board authority and discuss possible solutions.

Basic Education funding

The 2009 Legislature enacted an ambitious commitment to K-12 finance reform; however, many of the details of a new finance system have not yet been developed and many difficult discussions and decisions lie ahead. What do school directors want new funding formulas to look like? What about sources of revenue? What are school director opinions about the local levy system? How about teacher certification and evaluation? And teacher compensation? Many of these questions will be addressed by the Assembly.

State assessment system

OSPI and the State Board of Education have been charged with making changes to the current Washington Assessment of Student Learning; providing recommendations