

## February Update

### Teaching Equity Conference

WEA-Riverside is excited to offer the Teaching for Equity Conference on Saturday, March 22! This conference is open to ALL WEA-Riverside & Vancouver EA members. Join colleagues from the Southwest Washington region for a day filled with insightful discussions, interactive workshops, and networking opportunities focused on promoting equity in education.

We are pleased to welcome [Jesse Hagopian](#) as our keynote speaker. The first 100 people in the door will receive Jesse's newest book: [Teach Truth: The Struggle for Antiracist Education](#) released on January 14, 2025!

**This training aligns with the PESB CCDEI Standards and qualifies for five Equity Clock Hours needed for certificate renewal requirements.**

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9:00 am-2:30 pm (doors and registration open at 8:00am) Hockinson High School – [16819 NE 159<sup>th</sup> St, Brush Prairie, WA 98606](#)

**Investment** The admission fee is \$25 for Cert members. Please be prepared to pay the admission fee at the time of online registration. Five clock hours, including 1 hour of post-event homework, lunch, and materials will be provided.

**Registration** <https://bit.ly/TeachforEquity2025>  
[Register now](#) to secure your preferred session selections.

### WEA-WIN Professional Development System

The WEA changed operating systems for their Professional Development offerings. If you are signing up for a VEA or WEA class through this system, you must register FIRST at <https://wea-win.org>

1. Create a WEA-WIN participant account, if you do not already have one. Click on "My Account" in the upper right-hand corner of the site, then click on "Verify Membership."
2. Once you have an account, register for that course using the link provided. (Contact VEA if you have difficulties).

### Lobby Days

VEA Lobby Team consisting of Jamie Anderson (President), Brian Dunlap (WEAPAC Chair), Graham Picklesimer (Executive Director) Erin Lark (Skyview) and Charlotte Lartey (Gaiser) attended meetings with our legislators on February 17<sup>th</sup> (Presidents Day) to emphasize the needs of our members and students (funding and Special Education). They also met up with member John Zingale (iTech) and Senator Adrian Cortes to discuss the bond legislation that would reduce the approval rating to 50% +1 vote.



VEA members (Anne Kizerian, Kyle Kielty, Coreyanne Russell and Juliet Dowsett) met with legislators on February 18<sup>th</sup> to emphasize the importance of retaining the NBCT Stipend. Your voice is equally as important! Please be sure to watch for, and respond to, WEA's updates every Friday on bill considerations.

