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I always look forward to the start of a new school year. I love the crisp morning air, the crunch of colorful leaves, the warmth of September afternoons. Excited children line up, teenagers greet friends they have missed over the summer--a fresh, clean, shiny new start!

Oh—but wait. . . This year is. . . different. But some things continue. Kids still need to eat. We still need to provide meals. And so we carry on. But before we continue on, let's pause for a moment and look back. This past year, we have been brave. We stood, in the cold, on the front lines as essential workers, and bravely provided food for our children and our communities.

And while we were bravely providing for our children, we developed relationships with their parents, and with others in our community. We listened to their stories; we became part of their stories; and they became part of ours. We have always had this with the kids we serve in our schools, but now we have a wider influence, a wider recognition of the importance of nourishing our students.

We do important work that makes a difference to kids and makes a difference in our communities. We have a story to tell. It is time to be bold and tell our incredible story. We must boldly tell our truth--that school meals are tasty and healthy and that being well-fed is essential to learning, and that EVERY child needs to know that they won't be hungry during the school day so they can concentrate on their job--being curious, learning to ask the right questions, and discovering paths that lead to their passion.

WSNA exists to support YOU. Our mission is to engage, educate and empower School Nutrition Professionals [that's YOU!] to advance accessibility, quality and integrity of school nutrition programs. Our world is different right now so how we do this will look a little different. We have the perfect reason and opportunity to try new things. My plan for this year is to care for our membership—to provide support and resources for YOU. We need to take care of ourselves and each other so that we can continue to care for and support our students and our communities.

Our website has been updated. We will need to use this to provide information between *Apple Press* Issues, so please take a look at it and be sure you can log in. The plan of action for this year is posted there now—I would love for you to take a look at it. I welcome your ideas and suggestions. We want to provide the things you need. Our goal is to be nimble enough to find ways to meet your needs as they arise. How we navigate this unusual time will also become part of our story. Stories are powerful. They help us remember the past, they help us frame and

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President's Message

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re-frame the present, they help us imagine a future, and they illumine a choice of paths. Each one of us has a powerful story to tell. This association is made up of over 2,000 AMAZING people. Can you imagine the light that will illuminate the choice of paths ahead of us when each one of us is empowered to tell our stories boldly and bravely? Over 2,000 incredibly AMAZING people telling their stories—our story? We will have...

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It is my honor and privilege to serve you as your WSNA President. I wish you good health, happy times, and some kindness every day. I look forward to the time when we can meet together again.

"What is success? To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded! --Ralph Waldo Emerson



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- Join us for WSNA's Fall Workshop 2020. Our planned agenda includes:
- Speed Meet Time – Enjoy your coffee while “meeting” with other members in breakout rooms.
  - Craig Zablocki – Engage Your Deeper Purpose – Your Ticket to Deeper Fun. Craig is a dynamic national speaker who will be our closing Keynote Speaker at our 2021 Conference. This will be a live, interactive presentation full of information and fun.
  - From the Show Floor – A virtual expo with several manufacturers.

- Washington Red Raspberry Commission – The WRRRC will be presenting great menu ideas using bonus frozen raspberries from Washington State. Three school chefs (including our own Garrett Berdan from Spokane SD) will be featured.
- We are planning 3 CEU's for this workshop. This workshop will be in the morning. More information will be available through the WSNA website as we get closer and an email will be sent to everyone when registration is open online. Preregistration is required.
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Welcome To Fall  
by Mindy Cass, WSNA President-Elect

Hi everyone, as I’m writing this article I’m actually camping. It’s still August; and, like you, I am anxiously awaiting the beginning of school. What is it going to look like? How are we going to feed the children? So many unanswered questions still, and I confess I am nervous. Today as I’m looking around the campground, I am so happy to see children running around playing together, laughing, and chasing each other. All day long they are meeting new friends and don’t have a care in the world. It’s so wonderful to see, and it’s what I really miss about these kids whom we feed each day.

I had the chance to speak to a few of the kids as they walked by the campsite--my own grandson and kids down by the water. They all expressed how excited they are to go back to school. They can’t wait to see their friends; they can’t wait to see their teachers; they want to learn; and they miss having lunch! I realized when we do go back that one more thing we do as lunch heroes is keep things feeling as normal as we possibly can for the kids. We are still part of their constant and the ones they see. We help keep

them calm and happy and help them learn with their full bellies. Through it all, we will always be there for them.

I want to really encourage you to join our fall workshop this year. It will be different this year, which can be good and also bad. Really, the only bad is that we can’t see our old and new friends in person; but there will be so much good! The cost of the workshop will be less. You’re going to be able to attend from the comfort of home; you can just roll out of bed, grab your coffee, and sit in front of your computer; but you’re still going to be getting credits and, of course, a wealth of knowledge. It’s going to be one more step to help us all feel like a team and know we’re all in this together.

I’m excited to hear from our live national keynote speaker, Craig Zablocki. He is going to be presenting *Engage Your Deeper Purpose—Your Ticket to Deeper Fun*. I can’t wait to hear his presentation, and who doesn’t need to have deeper fun these days? (continued on page 9)

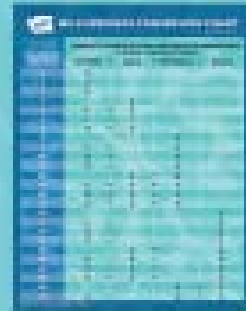


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## WSNA Industry Seminar & USDA Food Tasting Show ~ February 16 & 17, 2021

We hope to hold the annual Industry Seminar and USDA Food Tasting in person, so keep your fingers crossed.

The event is scheduled at Emerald Downs in Auburn, WA.

At this time, it's very difficult to know whether or not we will be able to meet in person or will have to change it to a virtual event due to continuing issues with COVID-19. So, we will keep you posted as we have more information.

Look for updates via email from WSNA. We will also post updates on the WSNA website:  
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## Taste Washington Day ~ October 7, 2020

Chris Eberle, WSDA Farm to School

Taste Washington Day is going to look a bit different this year! But serving and highlighting locally grown foods will still be a great way to celebrate the critical, essential work of school nutrition staff and Washington farmers to keep students and families fed during COVID-19. WSNA partners with WSDA Farm to School and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Child Nutrition (OSPI) to sponsor Taste Washington Day each year.

**“What’s in the Bag from Washington?”** is a theme we’re using this year to adapt participation in the Taste Washington Day promotion. Here’s how to be a part of it:

Sign up for the event with WSDA Farm to School at: [surveymonkey.com/r/TWD2020Schools](https://surveymonkey.com/r/TWD2020Schools)

Find Washington products to feature using the Taste Washington Day farmer list, farmers you work with already, school garden, or from distributors and other suppliers

Buy and feature one item from a local, Washington farm or school garden in a breakfast or lunch on Oct. 7, however you are distributing meals

Highlight that product on the menu, social media, or other communication about your sack lunches or multi-day meal boxes distributed on or around Oct. 7

Include an educational handout about the product you are featuring, send home a Taste Washington Day recipe, or use other resources collected by WSDA at [tinyurl.com/tastewaday](https://tinyurl.com/tastewaday)

Farmers will also sign up to highlight their products from the bountiful fall harvest that are easy to put into grab-and-go meals and meal boxes, such as vegetables, grain and dairy products, meats, legumes, and of course fruit.

The *Washington Apple Crunch* will happen at noon in virtual classrooms statewide on October 7! Apples are a big deal in Washington – we grow more apples than any other state. Here’s how to do the *Washington Apple Crunch* at your schools this year:

1. Communicate with teachers to schedule a Washington Apple Crunch during their class
2. Connect with district communications to promote your Taste Washington Day meal(s), and how students and families can participate in the Washington Apple Crunch with their classes
3. Order enough Washington grown apples to serve to students in their bagged or boxed meals
4. Students bite into their apple and CRUNCH across Washington during their online classes at noon on October 7, or at any time that works for your schools’ class schedule.
5. Have teachers capture the moment everyone bites into their Washington-grown apple with a photo or video recording, and post it to the districts’ social media using the #WAapplecrunch and #TasteWADay hashtags.

You can also print and include a Washington Apple Crunch postcard or other educational materials in meal pick-ups.

Taste Washington Day 2020 is a great way to recognize school nutrition staff and farmers for their important, frontline work during the pandemic, and how farm to school and school meals are one part of the solution for feeding our communities during the crisis. It’s also a great opportunity to broadly promote your school meal program to families and encourage their participation throughout this school year.

You will find helpful resources for making sure your Taste Washington Day stays fun and educational at the WSDA Farm to School website, [tinyurl.com/tastewaday](https://tinyurl.com/tastewaday). You can find handouts for recipes using Washington grown foods, as well as sign up your district to participate. We’d love to see how your program is celebrating Taste Washington Day this year. Send WSNA your photos and stories from your celebration after the event!

## Welcome to Fall

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We also will be hearing from the Washington Red Raspberry Commission. They will be cooking and giving us recipes with three school chefs from around the country. One of those chefs is our own Garrett Berdan. He is from Spokane Public Schools and is so great with his recipes and fun to watch. I think you will love his personality.

I truly hope that everyone has had a wonderful start of a school year. It will definitely be hectic; but still wonderful. I hope that you are all having a wonderful fall! As always, know that you’re never alone. You can always reach out and contact me if you need anything. Hang on to each other also, because as a team we know what we’re going through, we know it needs to get done, and we always do it. If I could give each one of you a hug in person, I would! Thank you for being such a blessing to the kids that you feed!



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**For a list of official rules visit [www.potatoes.com/wsna-info](http://www.potatoes.com/wsna-info)**

\*All recipes submitted for the 2020 contest will automatically be submitted for the 2021 contest



# Rainbows

Marcia Wagner, WSNA Vice President

Here we are, once again, at the start of a new school year. We’ve experienced this before, but never quite like this! We are all headed into what may be a bumpy road. When we find ourselves in uncharted waters we can be sure of one thing: No one has the answers. Some of us are better at “fake it till you make it” than others, but we can and will make it through another year. Some of us love change and some of us like things the way they were, but we can all lean on each other for support, ideas, and encouragement.

While writing this article, I came across an inspirational quote that I wanted to share. Maya Angelo once said, “Be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.” This past spring we were rainbows in the clouds that our communities and students were experiencing. The excitement of the kids as they saw the buses coming with meals, those were the rainbows. Let’s all work this year to continue to be rainbows.

I want to thank you all for your support in selecting me to be your Vice President for WSNA. I am very excited to be a part of this organization and to work with a group of amazing people. It is my understanding that I am responsible for planning the spring workshop this year. Personally, I am really hoping to have an in-person meeting. Zoom is fine, but it is so much more fun to connect with friends and colleagues in person. We are working to offer continuing education through our WSNA website in the meantime. Please check the website frequently for updates. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the spring workshop or have a topic you would like us to include, please feel free to contact me through the website.



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Conference 2020

Jan Campbell-Aikens, WSNA President

Conference is one of the highlights of the year, and we missed you all! It was such a difficult decision to cancel our conference, but the only prudent thing to do in light of the current pandemic and public health emergency.

I would like to thank Mark Oswalt and the entire Conference Committee for investing many hours of planning into what would have been a STANDOUT conference. They had planned many wonderful things that we would all have enjoyed, and it is unfortunate that we were unable to be together.

We are looking forward to **Conference 2021** –

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—to be held in Tacoma.

We will incorporate some of the ideas planned for this year, and promise a conference filled with creative ideas, inspiration, and highlighting the

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[all our WSNA members].

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**Tracy Calhoun, Region 4 Lead**

Hello! I cannot believe it's already time for the beginning of a new school year! This year will certainly be different across the State of Washington. The year may start differently but I know our primary concern is to make sure we are able to offer our kids the meals they need every day.

I have had a very productive summer this year. I have been part of Spokane School District's summer feeding program; growing fruit and vegetables in my garden; and completing a kitchen remodel with my husband. These things kept us busy as we could not get out and about like we have past summers.

WSNA has been busy continuing to plan virtual events and we also had our board meeting virtually with our new members of the board.

Look for our virtual fall workshop November 14. It's going to be fun! Check out the WSNA website for more information. The workshop will be offering CEUs.

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Legislative Report

by  
Donna Parsons, WSNA PPL Chair, and Mitch Denning

As WSNA prepares for a very different opening of school in a few weeks, our state is facing some economic challenges due to the shutdown of our state’s economy earlier this year. In addition, WSNA has some new opportunities to help support a well-funded educational program for all our public school students.

This article will discuss the following: (1) WA State economic challenges due to COVID-19; (2) a possible 2020 special session; (3) WSNA’s participation in the new School Funding Coalition; (4) WSNA’s participation in the OSPI’s Reopening of Schools Work Group; (5) second year of two-year pilot program in six elementary school demonstration sites for seated lunch duration; (6) OSPI’s proposed rule change re: seated lunch duration and recess before lunch; (7) implementation of Breakfast After the Bell (BAB); (8) implementation of ESHB 2660, increasing the availability of school meals provided to public school students at no tudent cost; (9) dealing with increasing meal debt vs. maintaining funding for existing nutrition programs; and (10) a school classroom/lunch room visit to the Lake Washington SD by Rep. Roger Goodman (D-Kirkland) during SY 2020-21.

One, the **Economic and Revenue Forecast Council** provides their forecast four times a year, with the next 2020 one coming in September. Their June 17 forecast stated that revenues are projected to be \$4.5B below the February 2020 forecast for 2019-21, and another \$4.3B below the February 2020 forecast for 2021-23; a total of \$8.8B for the next three years. The Council offered two impactful comments on the June 17 forecast, including, (1) as a result of COVID-19 and efforts to contain it, the forecast is substantially worse than in February, and (2) the level of uncertainty in the baseline forecast is substantial. As a result, the Governor directed state agencies under his authority to cancel a scheduled 3% salary increase for their state employees, and to begin furloughs for most state employees through November; this would save about \$55M. If agencies not under his authority, like higher ed, the Legislature, courts and separately elected officials, did the same, the savings would be about an additional \$91M. As we know, K-12 basic ed is protected by the Constitution, yet funding for non-basic ed K-12 programs could come under scrutiny.

Two, the prospects of a **special session of the Legislature** to deal with the fiscal effects of COVID are not favorable. The Governor has said that the State finances will be fine until the legislature meets in January 2021. Republicans have urged the Governor not to wait, and call a special session soon. The Legislature can override by a supermajority vote the Governor’s decision not to call a special session. However, at the present time, the D’s and R’s are not in agreement on this issue.

Three, prior to the Legislature’s adoption of a new funding model to meet the Court’s demands on the funding of basic education in 2017, WSNA had been a member of the **Local Funding Work Group**, a group of K-12 associations designed to provide guidance to the Legislature on this important topic.

With the advent of the COVID-19 health crises and its economic impact throughout our state, this work group has reorganized and WSNA and WAMOA have joined with six other associations to form the **School Funding Coalition (SFC)**. The purpose of the SFC is to identify common priorities that focus on the immediate student needs of a pandemic that has threatened the health, safety and learning of school-age students throughout our state. The associations include WASA, WASBO, WAMOA, WSNA, Association of WA School Principals (AWSP),

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Association of Educational Service Districts, (AESD), WA School Personnel Association (WSPA) and WA State School Directors Association (WSSDA) who will advocate for all of our students. These associations believe that working together to drive a common and consistent message with legislators will enhance our chances to secure funding and policy decisions necessary to effectively operate schools and serve our students during these difficult times.

The four priorities focusing on immediate student needs include (1) stable funding support; (2) safety of buildings and buses, with staff training in trauma-informed instruction embedded in social and emotional framework; (3) equitable access to learning through technology resources designed to meet the individual needs of all students; and (4) a well-equipped staff being provided professional development for staff about racial literacy, cultural responsiveness and stereotype threats in order to help close persistent opportunity gaps, and professional

development to enable students to effectively engage in online learning.

Four, in May, OSPI convened the **Reopening of WA Schools Workgroup**, comprised of educators throughout the state to develop guidelines for districts to consider as they reopen their schools next month. WSNA was fortunate to have several members serve on the Task Force’s subcommittee on Food and Nutrition, including Marianne Culligan, executive director; Joanna Peeler, food service director, Everett SD; and Megan de Vries, food service director, Edmonds SD.

Five, the second year of the two-year pilot program in six elementary school demonstration sites for **seated lunch duration** is set to begin in the fall. However, OSPI’s planning has become fairly flexible as districts begin to choose the model of school reopening they’ll employ in the fall.

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or three days a week in person and move back to online education for the other two or three days.

Further, the work of Van Coe, the consultant OSPI has hired to help implement the seated lunch duration pilot program, remains flexible also. Last year she, along with OSPI staff, visited each of the six sites, providing technical assistance with OSPI's Seated Lunchtime Toolkit.

Six, as was discussed in the last Apple Press article, OSPI has proposed amending WAC rules which would mandate the **20-minute seated lunch duration in all schools, and recess before lunch in all elementary schools.** Both provisions are scheduled to begin in SY 2023-24. Last spring, OSPI had planned to have statewide public hearings to seek input from school districts. However, due to COVID-19, those hearings did not take place.

At press time, OSPI has not yet decided what steps will be taken to hold the public hearings in SY 2020-21. At the same time, their SY 2023-24 implementation date could be extended.

Seven, the **implementation of Breakfast After the Bell** is continuing. This fall it will be required in 392 schools in 121 districts, which includes 52 new schools in 13 new districts. Again, OSPI is allowing flexibility with those schools which are scheduled to begin BAB this fall.

Eight, with the passage of **ESHB 2660, increasing the availability of school meals provided to public school students at no student cost,** in this past session, OSPI was given \$57,000 in the 2020-21 supplemental operating budget to hire a fiscal analyst to assist with the Individual Student Protocol (ISP) validation and technical assistance for the 18 school districts implementing the Community Eligible Provision (CEP) this fall. Again, due to the COVID challenges, OSPI is waiting to hire this individual. Furthermore, over twenty-five districts have expressed interest in applying or reapplying for CEP for SY 2020-21, with five of these as brand new sites, and a number of the other districts plan to add CEP sites.

OSPI continues to promote CEP as both a way to provide meals at no cost to all students, and to simplify the meal counting and claiming process.

Earlier this year, OSPI held three in-person CEP Summits around the state. They also held a virtual summit prior to the August 31<sup>st</sup> application deadline.

Nine, regarding how to deal with the **increasing student meal debt,** WSNA had originally planned to meet with Rep. Strom Peterson (D-Edmonds) during the 2020 interim to discuss this issue, primarily as a result of the passage of SHB 1865, Implementing the Hunger Free Students Bill of Rights, in 2019. Again, due to COVID, meal debt information would be difficult to compare SY 2019-20 to SY 2018-19 as school was not in session this past spring. Furthermore, due to the lack of local revenue currently handicapping nutrition staffing, for SY 2020-21, staffing will be more challenging with potential layoffs based on the return to school model that districts choose vs. continuing to pay all nutrition staff.

So, rather than focusing on new funding for meal debt replacement, WSNA will be focusing on **maintaining funding for existing nutrition programs** as the school breakfast and lunch programs are provided by districts regardless of what school model for reopening is selected. At the same time, child nutrition funding is not part of basic education, so it could be considered for possible reduction as non-basic education K-12 funding.

Ten, **Rep. Roger Goodman (D-Kirkland),** a meals for kids champion in the House Democratic caucus, is planning a **school lunchroom/classroom visit** to the Lake Washington School District sometime during SY 2020-21 when it's the right time for the school district. WSNA will help facilitate the school visit.

If you have ideas or comments on any legislative topics, you are encouraged to contact Donna Parsons, [drparsons33@comcast.net](mailto:drparsons33@comcast.net), WSNA PPL chair; Kim Elkins, WSNA PPL member, [kim.elkins@mead354.org](mailto:kim.elkins@mead354.org); or Mitch Denning [mdenning@wasa-oly.org](mailto:mdenning@wasa-oly.org).



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From the Director’s Desk

Leanne Eko, Director, OSPI Child Nutrition Services

- Wow! What a wild ride the last 8 months has been! As I write this – we still don’t know exactly what school will look like this fall or how we will be providing meals. It seems like the only answer I have lately is “I don’t know.” But as I reflect, there are many things I do know...
- I know that **school nutrition staff** are AMAZING! The work you do is and has always been incredible, but this spring it elevated to a new level. School closures were announced on Thursday and by Monday, you had put new processes in place and were providing meals. While the majority of people were staying home, you were out there on the front lines serving meals,; providing a connection and sense of normalcy for students. For many of you, the work didn’t stop. You continued providing meals throughout the summer. For all the families that desperately needed the support-thank you!
  - I know that **OSPI Child Nutrition staff** CARE! It’s a hard position to be the conduit of what is needed on the ground for operating child nutrition programs and the national, government level that is frequently slow to adapt and respond. I’m proud of the CNS team and their efforts to work quickly, adjust processes and support our sponsors.
  - I know that **Child Nutrition Programs** are IMPACTFUL! Never have I been so proud to be a part of school meals. This spring I shared more about Child Nutrition programs than ever, and heard , the gratitude and appreciation for our programs and the individuals who operate our programs.
  - This will be a school year like no other. I apologize in advance for all the times you will need an immediate answer and we will not have one. We stay committed to supporting you with regular webinars, weekly CNS updates and sharing resources and training opportunities.

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## Pandemic EBT Benefits for Washington Students

Wendy Barkley, Assistant Director, OSPI Child Nutrition Services

As school dismissed this past June for summer, Washington Department of Social and Health Services received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to administer Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits to households in our state. OSPI Child Nutrition Services collaborated with DSHS to provide data from CEDARS of students' eligible free and reduce-price meals for the P-EBT application approval process.

Due to school closings and normal meal service interruption, Pandemic EBT provides the value of school meals to students' eligible free and reduced-price meals enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. P-EBT covered school meals for the months of March, April, May, and through June 19, 2020.

School Nutrition Services played a critical role in success of students receiving P-EBT benefits. While winding down programs for school year and starting programs for summer, information about P-EBT was distributed to households, meals applications were approved; CEDARS information was updated so that students could be approved for these benefits. Child Nutrition Services thanks everyone for helping during this very busy time. At the time this message was written, 328,465 students have been approved for the benefit. It is estimated that 560,865 are eligible. We anticipate many more will be approved before the P-EBT application period closes September 11.

Continuation of P-EBT for the school meal programs and expansion to the Child and Adult Care Food Program is a discussion at the national level. Child Nutrition Services and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) are reviewing implementation in case this program continues in the future. We will keep in touch about plans for this program and would like to thank everyone for their efforts to help eligible families receive this benefit.

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Federal Legislation Report

Donna Parsons, WSNA Public Policy and Legislation Chair

The 2020-21 school year has arrived. I just have to say that I am honored to belong to an organization such as WSNA. The way in which you all stepped up and fed kids in any way you could was heartwarming. You truly are essential workers and are right there on the front line. COVID-19 has been a crushing blow to Child Nutrition Programs, and we hope that when we call on you, you will also step up to *tell your story* on how your programs have been affected at the local level.

HR 6800 HEROS Act was introduced in May. The bill seeks to make emergency supplemental appropriations for the federal fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. The bill passed the House on 5/15/2020. However, there has not been much movement since that time.

The Child Nutrition Relief Act of 2020 (S.4447) was introduced by the Senate in August. This is a companion bill to the House Bill (H.R. 7764). This bill would allow the USDA to extend all COVID-19 emergency school feeding waivers through June 30, 2021. WSNA sent out an email to Food Service Directors and Supervisors in August to encourage them to contact their congressional members to let them know how important it is for this bill to pass.

Pandemic Child Hunger Prevention Act (H.R. 7887) was introduced in July. The bill proposes to reimburse school food authorities at the free rate for meals served during school year 2020-2021 under the school breakfast program and the school lunch program. Again, this bill was included in the grassroots email sent out in August.

*If you have any questions/comments or would like to be part of the Legislative Committee, please email me at [drparsons33@comcast.net](mailto:drparsons33@comcast.net). Your voice counts, as only you can tell the story of how specific legislation impacts your students and your district.*

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Board Meetings ~ 7/29/20

- The meeting was called to order by President Jan Campbell-Aikens
- Action items were the approved for the following:
- Virtual meeting procedures added to Policies and Procedures manual
  - Signature authority for Executive Director on STCU account
  - Adjustment to Expense Reimbursement Policy
  - Equipment surplus for laser printer
  - Change to Policies and Procedures manual for payments to DDS
  - Proposed 2020-2021 budget with a net profit of \$15,000
  - The 2020-2021 appointed board members and committee chairs
  - Change to BOD meeting minues process. Motion forms will be sunsetted and the names of BOD members will be recorded on meeting minutes. A summary will be done by Secretary/Treasurer where the names will be removed and the minutes will be on WSNA website.

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# 2020-2021 Plan of Work

## Jan Campbell-Aikens, President

*The focus this year will be on Membership and Community.*

### 1. Professional Development

School nutrition professionals will continually increase their knowledge and skills to administer, manage, deliver, and sustain successful school meal programs.

**Objective 1: Enhance communication methods to reach members regarding educational opportunities.**

- Launch and actively support the WSNA Facebook page, including WSNA Facebook group to promote collaboration, problem-solving, and idea-sharing among WSNA members.
- Continue to improve use of WSNA website, providing up-to-date and useful information for our membership.

**Objective 2: Promote accessibility and utilization of professional development tools, and resources**

- Provide support for members learning to use virtual meeting tools.

**Objective 3: Provide educational opportunities to all member segments.**

- Communicate with membership about upcoming workshops and conferences using email, the website, Apple Press, Facebook, or other identified methods.

### 2. Advocacy and Public Image

WSNA will be the recognized authority and leading advocate for school nutrition programs.

**Objective 1: Encourage WSNA members to take an active role in advocacy efforts that will drive policy change at the state & federal levels.**

- Post a short video on WSNA website: How to respond to an action alert. Send link via email to membership.

**Objective 2: Increase efforts to educate policy makers and other decision makers on the value, scope, and complexity of school nutrition programs.**

- Make use of SNA resources on public policy.
- Share public policy information on Facebook page, on website, via the Apple Press, or other identified methods.

**Objective 3: Increase efforts to enhance the public’s positive perception of school nutrition professionals and school nutrition programs.**

- Tell our stories via social media, our website, Apple Press, or other identified methods.
- Build and enhance partnerships with allied organizations.



# 2020-2021 Plan of Work

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## 3. Membership and Community

WSNA will strengthen membership through the engagement, leadership, and collaboration among WSNA’s members, chapters, allied partners and other stakeholders.

**Objective: Support our membership by living our Core Values.**

- Identify membership needs, engage members, partners and stakeholders in active collaboration to create and deliver solutions.
- Communicate identified needs and solutions to membership via website, email, Facebook, Apple Press, or other identified methods.

## 4. Governance and Operations

WSNA will have a financially sustainable funding model with a flexible governance that is aligned with the Strategic Plan and reflects contemporary business practices.

**Objective 1: Follow WSNA processes, practices, and structures that contribute to a sustainable and progressive business model.**

- Assure that the WSNA Board acts as a cohesive and accountable Executive Board by providing additional methods and opportunities for communication and collaboration.
- Use Ad Hoc Committees and Taskforces as needed.
- Conduct financial audit and review financial practices to assure strong checks and balances are in place.

**Objective 2: Assess governance structure to support the current Strategic Plan.**

- Review Bylaws and job descriptions to assure accuracy and compliance.
- Seek and develop diverse leadership talent for open elected and appointed positions.
- Seek and engage diverse volunteers to support plan of work.

**Objective 3: Prioritize objectives and appropriately fund the current Strategic Plan.**

- Review and reallocate available financial and human resources to meet current and emerging priorities.
- Identify and prioritize new funding methods.



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## *Dates to Remember*

<b>October 1 - 31</b>	<b>National Farm to School Month</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>AEA Day on the Hill</b> Olympia, Washington (tentative)
<b>October 7</b>	<b>Taste Washington Day</b>		
<b>October 12-16</b>	<b>National School Lunch Week</b> School Lunch: What's on Your Play List?	<b>February 16-17</b>	<b>USDA Food Tasting &amp; Industry Seminar</b> Emerald Downs, Auburn
<b>October</b>	<b>2021 Conference Committee Meeting</b> Tacoma, Washington (tentative)	<b>March 1</b>	<b>SNA Director of the Year</b> <b>SNA Employee of the Year</b> <b>SNA Manager of the Year</b> Nominations Due to Jan Campbell-Aikens
<b>November 2</b>	<b>Apple Press Deadline</b> Due to Marianne Culligan		
<b>November 13</b>	<b>WSNA Executive Committee Meeting</b> TBD	<b>March 1</b>	<b>Apple Press Deadline</b> Due to Marianne Culligan
<b>November 13</b>	<b>WSNA Board of Directors Meeting</b> TBD	<b>March 7-9</b>	<b>SNA Legislative Action Conference</b> Washington DC
<b>November 14</b>	<b>WSNA Executive Fall Workshop</b> Virtual	<b>March 8-10</b>	<b>National School Breakfast Week</b> <b>Score Big with School Breakfast</b>
<b>January 29</b>	<b>2021 Conference Committee Meeting</b> Conference Call	<b>March</b>	<b>Executive Committee/BOD Meeting</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>WSNA Day on the Hill (tentative)</b>	<b>March 26</b>	<b>DDS Meeting</b> Leavenworth
		<b>March 27</b>	<b>Spring Workshop</b> Leavenworth