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Newsletter

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Budget Hearings—Make Your Voices Heard

The legislative session is far from over and we must let legislators know that having the **third largest class sizes in the country** and **one of the shortest school years** is unacceptable. That they can do better.

Legislators who sit on the Ways and Means budget committee will be hosting a budget hearing at PCC Rock Creek to share this proposal and to get feedback from community members. The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 21, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., on the PCC Rock Creek Campus** on Springville Rd.

Now is the time to show up and tell your story about how budget cuts will impact your classroom and your students. These hearings might be our last chance to share thoughts on the budget this year.

If you can't join us, you can share your story [here](https://oregonea.wufoo.com/forms/share-your-story-with-the-budget-committee/): <https://oregonea.wufoo.com/forms/share-your-story-with-the-budget-committee/>

TEAM UP for Students!

Sign up for our **5K FUN RUN/WALK: Creating the Schools our Students Deserve**

Washington County Educators team up with parents, students and community for a day of family fun and exercise to support quality education. Proceeds go directly toward student supplies and classroom materials—this year to Cornelius Elementary School students in Forest Grove. There is a link on our HEA website, or you may register at:

Register online: www.teamupforstudents.com

Like us on Facebook! [Facebook.com/WaCoEducators](https://www.facebook.com/WaCoEducators)

WE ARE SEEKING SPONSORS! If you have a contact that might lead to a sponsorship, please contact Maureen Barnhart (HillsboroEA@oregoned.org)

Celebrating our Teachers at Career Benchmarks

Are you going to be a contract teacher at the end of this year (ending three years as a probationary teacher)? We hope you and your HEA Rep or designee will join us for a short ceremony and a light dinner to honor you on **Thursday, May 14, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at Bugatti's** –Tanasbourne location, 2364 NW Amberbrook Dr, Beaverton 97006 RSVP no later than May 1st: betsy.vandersluys@oregoned.org

Are you going to retire this year? Congratulations! Save the date: Friday, May 22 — your HEA colleagues want to celebrate you!

Summer Employment Opportunity

Meriwether Golf Club Clubhouse Manager/Event Sales person, Walt Porterfield, has a need for seasonal help at the golf course. If someone you know is interested in this work, Mr. Porterfield can be contacted at 503-693-8807. 



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Hillsboro School Board Recommendations

Twelve of our members participated in a conversation with a panel of candidates for the Hillsboro School Board. We appreciate the participation by all of the candidates. We were able to come away with recommendations, based on our questions regarding education and specific district issues:

Kim Strelchun, Position 4 **Lisa Allen**, Position 5 **Jaime Rodriguez**, Position 7

In addition to the panel conversation, these three candidates were the only three who had already contacted legislators regarding inadequate funding. They also were consistently at the HEA office to make phone calls for the HSD Bond Measure for Technology. (Kim Strelchun headed that effort.)

Contact Sarah Coyle (sarahcoyle@outlook.com) or Maureen Barnhart (HillsboroEA@oregoned.org) for information on phone calling, canvassing, and other support for these candidates. We will be scheduling some phone banks at the HEA office. OEA will be posting the recommended candidates for our neighboring districts (www.oregoned.org). They will also be listed on the HEA website and Facebook page.

Transfers update

If you asked for a transfer for next year you may be aware that our Collective Bargaining Agreement (contract) notes April 1 as the notification deadline. In recent years we have agreed to extend that deadline due to uncertain financial circumstances. Unfortunately we again find ourselves in a time of potential cuts due to recent state legislative decisions – an inadequate budget for K-12. Due to that recent turn of events, HSD has asked that we give them some time as they must re-evaluate staffing levels which in turn impacts transfer decisions. We have expressed to HSD that our members eagerly await those decisions and HSD is working with us to try and finalize such decisions as soon as possible. Because all districts will be hiring, it is equally important to the HSD to determine placement sooner rather than later. While we are not likely to face actual layoffs, we could end up seeing some positions cut through attrition. The consensus between both groups is that transfer requests can most effectively be honored when all staffing is known.

If you did not request a transfer, but are looking online at the job postings and find an appealing opportunity, you must apply to the position via the online TalentEd application. If you are not in that system and need help completing that process, contact Cindy Beaver in the Applications Office at the AC. Her number is 503-844-1507, or x5807.

Linda Ellsworth Award Nominations Open

In 1994 the then HEA created a service award named in honor of Linda Ellsworth, a member who served in almost every capacity at the local (HEA) level. It was decided in the new HEA (1996) to continue to recognize members who have shown a long term commitment to our members. Nominations, with a letter reviewing the nominee's contributions on both the local and state levels (e.g. served as a delegate to the OEA Representative Assembly), may be submitted by Friday, May 1: HillsboroEA@oregoned.org. Thank you for taking the time to honor our members.

What's happening this spring with assessments? (Excerpted from an OSP email with permission)

- Smarter Balanced (SBAC) assessments are required in 7th, 8th, and 11th grades for Math and English Language Arts (ELA).
- Social Studies, Science, Math and ELA teachers have revised and are administering common performance tasks and/or end-of-course assessments.
- For SBAC-tested grades and content areas—7th, 8th, and 11th grade Math and ELA—those common assessments are optional.
 - Teachers of those SBAC-tested grades and content areas, together with principals, collaboratively decide the appropriate end-of-year data points for reviewing Student Learning and Growth Goals.
 - PLCs decide when and how to use common assessment and/or SBAC data to reflect on student progress toward meeting ELA and Math standards for 2014-2015 school year.



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