

Advocacy in Action

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 1 and 15 at 4:00pm

Wilburton Instructional Service Center (WISC)
Rainer Room
12241 Main Street
Bellevue, WA 98005

The Agenda and Board Packet will be posted [here](#) about one week before the meeting. As always, you can make public comment at the board meeting on issues of concern or you can email the board at board@bsd405.org.

2015 WA STATE PTA LEGISLATIVE FOCUS DAY

SAVE THE DATE!

This is a key year for us to [Stand Up, Speak Up and Show Up](#). Mark your calendars.

Focus Day
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Olympia, WA

DECEMBER BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES

Bellevue PTSA Council
Brown Bag Lunch Series
December 7, 2015 11:45am – 1:00 pm

Join us for a presentation from Education Advocate, Larry Davis on **Love, Understanding and Other Best Practices for Education Advocacy**

It is time for a major shift within the old paradigm, because "Us versus Them" fails on so many levels. **Love, Understanding, and Other Best Practices** provides an uplifting perspective on advocating around the intervention process of Special Education, Gifted Education, ELL, and any other time where communication and working in partnership is necessary. We are in the midst of a major cultural shift, where transparency and authenticity determine how we relate to one another. As a result, this workshop takes the intervention process to a new paradigm; one based upon promise, possibility, and cooperation, in contrast to resource scarcity and adversarial relationships. Larry's talk will highlight the following themes:

- Emotions Often Get the Worst of Us!
- Mutual Understanding: The Platform for True Partnership
- Evidence Based Decision Making: Moving from Opinion to Fact
- Strength Based Intervention: Building Upon What Already Works
- Transparency: Open Hearts and Open Mind

INTERESTED IN ENGAGING ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES?

INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING LEGISLATION OR LEARNING WHAT HAPPENED TO EDUCATION RELATED BILLS FROM THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION?

Here are some different resources for engaging on legislation:

- Engage in the WA State Top 5 Platform issues [here](#).
- Find education related bills [here](#).
- Special Education specific bills are [here](#).
- WA State Legislature page is [here](#). Learn how to comment on bills [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING CURRICULUM ADOPTION COMMITTEE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:

The purpose of the High School Social Emotional Learning Adoption Committee is to select curriculum materials to recommend to the Bellevue School Board for adoption. Committee members will be responsible for evaluating prospective curriculum based on agreed upon criteria. The outcome of the committee's work will be the selection of Social Emotional Learning curriculum to be implemented in grades 9-12 in the 2017-18 school year. The parent on the committee should have a child currently enrolled in grades 9-12 in the Bellevue School District.

The time commitment will be approximately 20 hours between January 2016 and June 2017. Please complete the application form and submit by **Friday, December 4, 2015**. Find more information and the application [here](#).

THE BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS MANY ADVISORY AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COMMITTEES. LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM, LEARN HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE AND REVIEW MEETING MINUTES [HERE](#).

MID-WINTER REGION 2 PTA CONFERENCE IN BELLEVUE

February 23, 2016

5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Interlake High School

The classes offered at the conference will count toward elected officer 2015-16 training requirements.