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Spotlight on English Language Arts

The NCESD English Language Arts (ELA) department works throughout our region with school districts to assist in the implementation of the Washington State Learning Standards for English Language Arts and the Smarter Balanced Assessment System. Our staff provides job-embedded learning that engages teachers in constructive teaming to improve teaching practices and student learning.

The NCESD English Language Arts Team provides a variety of literacy services to our partnering school districts. From many professional learning opportunities to very customized and tailored coaching, we can provide a multitude of services that equip districts with their literacy curriculum needs. Our district or site-based teams will complete a review of your curriculum, assessment, instruction, and intervention components of your literacy system. This process uses evidence-based practice, district data, and a tiered intervention approach, and will provide evidence of strengths and opportunities for growth. Our emphasis on analysis and prioritization provides you with tools for future action planning as you continue to grow your program.

Professional development opportunities can be designed to be one-time, short term training or repeated site visits. They are designed to meet the needs of your building or district. The support can be provided to teacher teams, full teaching staff, PLCs or other leadership teams. Topics are utilizing data to drive instruction, foundational skills training, and development of a cross battery assessment plan, training on the components of literacy, and building a tiered instructional model.



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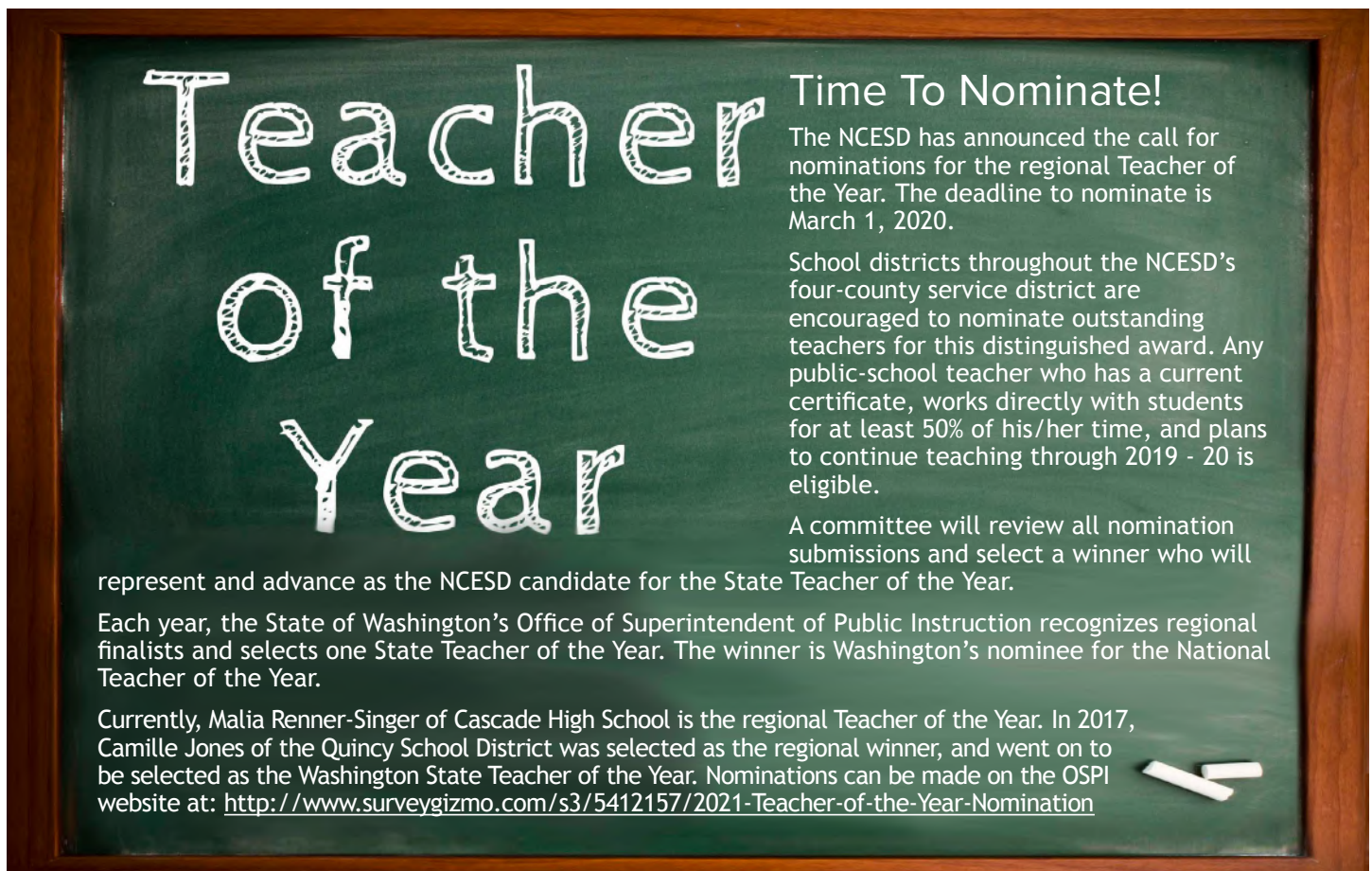
1. Developing a system with strong regional support
2. Building and maintaining leadership capacity
3. Providing consistent, high-quality professional learning to improve teachers' pedagogical skills

An important component to building leadership capacity is the ELA Fellows program. The Fellows' Network is a growing system of Washington State educational leaders who expand their capacity to improve student learning through ongoing professional learning and leadership development within their local context and in partnership with school districts, educational service districts, community agencies, and state organizations.

ELA Services include:

- Regional English Language Arts Fellows Convenings
- Washington State Learning Standards
- Smarted Balanced Assessment System and Formative Assessment processes
- Foundational Literacy Skills
- Content-Area Literacy (e.g.: science, humanities, mathematics)
- Writing from Sources with Evidence
- Differentiated Instruction (e.g.: ELL, highly capable, SPED)
- Building Background Knowledge and Academic Language
- Facilitating Literacy Adoptions

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Teacher of the Year

Time To Nominate!

The NCESD has announced the call for nominations for the regional Teacher of the Year. The deadline to nominate is March 1, 2020.

School districts throughout the NCESD's four-county service district are encouraged to nominate outstanding teachers for this distinguished award. Any public-school teacher who has a current certificate, works directly with students for at least 50% of his/her time, and plans to continue teaching through 2019 - 20 is eligible.

A committee will review all nomination submissions and select a winner who will represent and advance as the NCESD candidate for the State Teacher of the Year.

Each year, the State of Washington's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction recognizes regional finalists and selects one State Teacher of the Year. The winner is Washington's nominee for the National Teacher of the Year.

Currently, Malia Renner-Singer of Cascade High School is the regional Teacher of the Year. In 2017, Camille Jones of the Quincy School District was selected as the regional winner, and went on to be selected as the Washington State Teacher of the Year. Nominations can be made on the OSPI website at: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5412157/2021-Teacher-of-the-Year-Nomination>

Welcome to the Board!

We're pleased to welcome Dr. Mike Musick to the NCESD Board of Directors. More information to follow!



ADA Compliance Workshop- Creating Accessible Documents

There has been heightened focus on making ADA compliant documents available through public channels such as websites. Join us on February 10-11 for this (3-hour session each day) training on ADA Compliance and creating accessible documents to learn more.



Topics

- ADA Compliance Law. Brief introduction to accessibility, universally-accessible concepts
- Risks of not complying, do's and don'ts, examples of correct ADA compliance
- How to create accessible documents
- Applying concepts to MS Word/Google Docs/PowerPoint
- Checking accessibility in MS Word/Google Docs/PowerPoint
- Using the Action Wizard
- Checking PDFs for accessibility
- Remediating common issues

This training will be held at the NCESD office, or made available by Zoom. Registration and more at <https://www.pdenroller.org/esd171/Catalog/Event/100855>

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