

REGISTER TODAY!



WASA SMALL SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

March 1–2, 2010

Yakima Convention Center

Small Schools '10

Innovating During Challenging Times—
Going the Distance

Invitation to Register

Facing challenges collectively, in most cases, helps us realize that we are not alone in our struggles. It also seems to soften the impact during difficult times. With this in mind, I can't think of a better conference for you to attend as the leader of a small school or district than the **Smalls School Conference** scheduled for **March 1–2, 2010** in Yakima, WA.

As we all know, these tumultuous budget times are unparalleled and frightening. In order to address these issues collectively, the Smalls Schools Conference Planning Committee selected "Innovating During Difficult Times" as our conference theme. During these tough times, we need to be knowledgeable regarding pending legislation and its implications, budget projections, negotiation strategies, as well as creative options for guiding our schools and districts.

The best place to find the latest information, innovative strategies, and network with peers from similar sized districts is the **Smalls Schools Conference**. I invite you to fill out the registration form today and plan on joining forces with your small district colleagues **March 1–2** in Yakima, WA.



Kindest Regards,

Sergio Hernandez, Superintendent
Freeman SD; Chair, WASA Small
Schools Committee

Featuring:

Bridging the Gap

Erin Jones, Assistant Superintendent,
Student Achievement, OSPI

Oftentimes large schools get all the attention and support around the achievement gap, but small schools are experiencing similar "gaps." You will hear about our state data but will also walk away with some practical strategies for addressing the gaps in your buildings. Come ready to be inspired!

PERC and Its Impact on Labor Relations

Cathy Callahan, Executive Director, PERC

Cathy will give an overview of PERC, discuss unfair labor practices, past and present decisions that impact the workplace, how to use the mediation process, and lessons learned from school district mediation cases.

Tentative Concurrent Sessions

- Consolidation—current trends, concerns, and actions
- State Board of Education updates, Core 24, and accountability
- State fiscal issues—more constraints—action plans
- Legislative updates
- Distance learning programs and opportunities
- Current thinking about ARRA funds and Race To The Top initiative
- Quality Education Council—implications
- Leadership Skills for developing and sustaining staff and student success

**SCHEDULE
MONDAY, MARCH 1**

7 a.m.–4 p.m.
Registration

7:30–8 a.m.
Continental Breakfast/
Exhibits

8–9:30 a.m.
General Session—
Erin Jones

9:30–10:30 a.m.
Breakout Sessions

10:30–11 a.m.
Exhibits/Break

11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

12–1:30 p.m.
Lunch and General Session,
Randy Dorn (Invited)

1:45–2:45 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

2:45–3:15 p.m.
Exhibits/Ice Cream Social

3:30–4:30 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

4:30–6 p.m.
Hospitality
Dinner on Your Own

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

7–10 a.m.
Registration

7–8 a.m.
Continental Breakfast

8–9:30 a.m.
Issues Dialogue by
District Size

9:45–10:45 a.m.
Breakout Sessions

11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

12–1 p.m.
General Session—
Cathy Callahan

1 p.m.
Box Lunch and Optional
Forum: Consolidation
Mini Summit

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REGISTRATION

Name _____

Ph.D. Ed.D. Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Preferred name on badge _____

Title _____

Phone _____

District _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

Guest/Spouse Name _____

Membership Information

WASA Member WSSDA Member Conference Attendee Intern

Meals

Vegetarian meals requested.

Conference Fees

	<u>Pre-registration</u>	<u>After February 23</u>
WASA/WSSDA Members & Conference Attendee	\$185*	\$235*
Intern	\$90	\$90

Payment Options

Make checks payable to WASA or include P.O. no. _____

Charge by credit card: MasterCard Visa

Card No.: _____ Exp.: _____

Cancellation fee:

There will be a \$50 charge for cancellations after February 23.

No-shows are charged the full registration fee.

Register online at www.wasa-oly.org; Fax (360) 352-2043

Additional Information and Special Accommodations

Contact Julie Clifford, WASA (360) 943-5717 • julie@wasa-oly.org

Make Your Hotel Reservations Today!

Red Lion Hotel, Yakima Center, (509) 248-5900. Ask for WASA's special conference rate.