



eMemo

October 2007



What Time Is It?

Is it Fall? Is it Harvest Time? Is it Halloween? Is it Mid-Quarter? Yes, it's all of these and more. It is also the time of year when the "Rubber of Reality meets the Road of Participation in Federal Title Programs". As I have begun traveling around the state speaking to our member schools this fall, I have heard mixed reviews regarding not only the consultation process, but also different standards of inclusion and use of funds. The public school districts that are working in a collegial, professional and legal manner are many. However, there are still equitable participation issues that need to be addressed. In many cases, it is a new person who does not understand the law or a long time employee who doesn't know of the changes to the current law.

We have been working with Barbara Quick from the consolidated Title Programs Office at OSPI as well as Pamela Allen and Maureen Dowling from the U.S. Department of Education, who oversee these programs on our behalf. Both agencies are eager and willing to work with our schools in any way they can. They are also going to be at our Fall Workshop on November 15 to address our schools' concerns in person. If you are having issues or have found the perfect solution to working with your local school district, you need to attend this important meeting.

Title programs are not "gift monies" that public schools can or cannot give to us. By federal law, it is the "right" of our schools to participate in these programs and use these funds in order to provide necessary professional development, materials, services and equipment to educate our students.

If you have concerns or success stories, please let us know at jjennings@wfis.org.

WFIS recently distributed an e-mail survey to determine how most schools are using their Title V funds. Here are some of the responses we received:

Professional Development

Library books and materials, including accelerated Reader and other materials relating to science, history and literature, Spanish and photography. (This category had the heaviest emphasis.)

Reading books, instructional materials and reference books, including:

Kid Pix for our K-3 graders
Writing program for grades 5-8
Guided reading and writing program
Star Math software program
DVD/VHS players for all classrooms

Software for art, photography, etc.

Projector compatible with computers

A laser scanner/printer for computer lab

Computer

Started an after school math program with Title V materials

Welcome New WFIS Board Members:

*We are fortunate to have an excellent group of individuals representing the interests of private schools. At the September 27th meeting, the following private school leaders were welcomed to the **WFIS Board of Directors**:*

Deacon Doug Banks, St. Thomas More School, Spokane,
representing Catholic schools in Eastern and Central Washington

Ron Trautwein, Buena Vista SDA School, Auburn,
representing Seventh-day Adventist Schools in Western Washington

Jim Weller, Rogers Adventist School, College Place,
representing Seventh-day Adventist Schools in Eastern Washington.

To view the entire list, please visit: <http://wfis.org/default.aspx?content=about/leadership>

WFIS Fall Workshop

Make sure the Fall Workshop is on your calendar for **November 15th**. It will again be held at Spring Valley Montessori School in Federal Way. Workshops will include:

Federal Programs
Employee Handbooks/Contracts
New Charitable Solicitations Requirements
Early Learning
Teacher Certification
Department of Health

Scheduling details and pricing will be published soon!

Best of Washington Awards

Do you have an exceptional teacher, or parent, or student? How about a super head of school, board member, patron or program director? Here is a way you may honor them and share their success with the entire private school community! Nominations are now being received for the **2007-08 Best of Washington Awards**. Winners will be honored at the annual **WFIS Winter Dinner** to be held at the Museum of Flight on **February 12, 2008**. They've done the hard work ... to nominate them is easy. Just go to <http://wfis.org/BestofWANominations2007-08.pdf> to print out the nomination form, complete the necessary requirements, and send it in. (*Nominees must be from WFIS member schools.*)

WFIS Soundoff Meetings

Please join us at a location near you and meet with fellow heads of school from your area. In addition to any questions or concerns you may have, we will be discussing issues at both the Federal and State levels, including (but not limited to) Early Childhood and E-Rate/K-20 Technology.

Thursday, October 25, 2007 (10 a.m. – Noon)
Riverside Christian School
721 Keys Road, Yakima, WA 98901

Thursday, November 1, 2007 (10 a.m. – Noon)
NOVA School
2020 22nd Ave. SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Thursday, November 8, 2007 (10 a.m. – Noon)
Bellarmino Preparatory School
2300 So. Washington, Tacoma, WA 98405

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
Assumption Catholic School
3618 W. Indian Trail Road, Spokane, WA 99208-4793

[R.S.V.P. now for one of the above locations to jmorrison@wfis.org.](mailto:jmorrison@wfis.org)

The Bulletin Board

Save money by applying for **E-Rate**. WFIS is authorized to approve your tech plan, making your school eligible for E-Rate. Please contact us for a **sample tech plan**.

For a small annual fee, your school may have access to a HUGE amount of information for research. To subscribe to the **Washington State Library** Updates, click on this link and go to the bottom of the page: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/library/libraries/lists.aspx>

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