

Hello MIEA Members,

Wow! What a week!

The March for Black Lives Matter was so moving! So many Islanders participated, despite the pouring rain, and almost everyone was wearing a mask. I want to thank all of you who attended. I look forward to our continued support and work to educate about and end institutionalized racism in our schools and moving forward your commitment to educate our students and ourselves about anti-racism, inclusion and equity. With these goals in mind, I am forwarding you some of the WEA educational opportunities and reminding you that we have resources on our website as well. ([MIEA website LINK](#)).

Our MIEA 2020 Full Bargain Bargaining Team had our first meeting with the MISD team and set our bargaining dates. Keep an eye out next week for our MIEA survey results. We will be providing a short video link with a summary of results from this spring's surveys. We have also formed our Fall Opening Bargaining Team. Their mission is, in part, to work with the District to ensure our members and students start the year feeling our working conditions are as safe as possible and that our staff and students feel supported and prepared for whatever plans we roll out in the Fall. Our teams recommend you check-out the OSPI Guidelines that were just released for re-opening schools ([OSPI Guidance Link](#)).

More bargaining news to come...

WEA Educational Information for the Summer: Attached to this email

The Washington Education Association's Special Education Support Center (SESC) and Inclusionary Practices Project (IPP) are offering courses online, in real-time, via Zoom. For 11 weeks, from March 23rd to June 4th, we had 27,519 participants in 115 sessions which made up 71 courses. We provided 330 hours of professional development for members.

Our schedule of courses (with the registration link) for the remainder of June 2020 is attached (both as a pdf and png file). Registration is open. Clock hours will be provided. Courses are free. The first 500 registrants will receive an email confirmation with the Zoom link. **Save** the confirmation email to access the course! Once registration is full, the course will no longer be available in the drop down menu. Since courses are provided in real-time, live and include small group discussions and opportunities for engagement, course capacity is limited to 500 registrants. We are unable to offer a waitlist. As a reminder, since these offerings are funded through a grant from OSPI, you do not have to be a WEA member to attend.

We have shifted to a summer schedule, offering 1 -2 courses per week (with the exception of the week of July 4th). We will continue to monitor the stay home, stay healthy policies and adapt as needed. We are working on developing new content for the upcoming months.

Monthly flyers with course schedules, descriptions, and registration information are posted at the end of June and July and are available here: <https://bit.ly/3bfETDh>

Question?

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As always, if you have questions, please reach out to your building reps. or to me via my email (sally.loeser@washingtonea.org).

Stay well and informed.

Sincerely,

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