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Synopsis:	The January teacher luncheon will honor the Washington State Teacher of the Year (Katie Brown).	



TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD LUNCHEON

Policy Consideration

None

Summary

Each January, the Board honors three award-winning teachers:

- Washington's Teacher of the Year.
- Two teacher recipients of the Presidential Award for Math and Science Teaching.

Teachers are invited to speak to the Board, followed by a shared luncheon on their behalf.

Washington's 2014 Teacher of the Year will be joining the Board for its January meeting. The federal government has not yet named the 2012 or 2013 winners of the Presidential Award for Math and Science Teaching. Once they are announced, they will also be invited to a board meeting.

Background

Washington's Teacher of the Year

- Recognizes as many as 10 regional finalists selected from the ESDs and tribal schools.
- The state review committee evaluates both written applications and interviews prior to selecting the winner.
- Washington's Teacher of the Year is selected in mid-September and is eligible for consideration for National Teacher of the Year.

This Year's Winner:

Educator: Katie Brown
School: Shuksan Middle School
District: Bellingham School District
Quick Facts: Katie has taught at Shuksan for the past 11 years. Two years ago she transitioned into her current role as the ELL Specialist. Katie has implemented a series of very successful ELL family nights where families once hidden in shadows can build community – even across many different languages. In two short years, she has built a program that is admired and respected across her district.

Action

None



2014 TEACHER OF THE YEAR RESOLUTION

In honor of Katie Brown, Washington's 2014 Teacher of the Year

WHEREAS, Katie Brown has been named Washington's 2014 Teacher of the Year and the ESD 189 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown received her teaching certificate and bachelor's degree from Western Washington University and her Master of Education from Seattle Pacific University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown has taught at Shuksan Middle School for the last 11 years, first as a social studies and language arts teacher and the last two years as an ELL specialist; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown has implemented a series of very successful ELL family nights where families once hidden in shadows can build community, ask questions about school curriculum and stay informed about their child's education – even across many different languages; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown has devoted herself to helping her colleagues learn the practice of the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol and cheering them on daily; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Brown's direction, the percent of ELL students passing the Reading MSP is up 20 points in just one year; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Board of Education's 2013-2014 Strategic Plan goal 3.A.I calls for the discussion and analysis of promising practices relating to closing the achievement gap;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Board of Education acknowledges the outstanding work of Ms. Brown and other exemplary educators who remain dedicated to our most important endeavor: the education of our children.

Dr. Kristina L. Mayer
Chair

Ben Rarick
Executive Director