

TRANSITION BRIEFING DOCUMENT

Agency Name

- Washington School for the Deaf (WSD)
- Todd Reeves, Superintendent
- (360) 696-6525, ext. 0401 V/TTY
- <http://www.wsd.wa.gov>

Agency Responsibilities and Activities

- WSD is responsible to provide educational support and training services to deaf and hard of hearing children throughout the state of Washington. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) provides students with disabilities access to local school districts. Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) provides additional educational support to deaf and hard of hearing students and their families. WSD works with local school districts around the state to coordinate and support student learning on campus and in other areas in Washington through our Outreach department.
 - WAC 148, Title 72.40 RCW
- Early Infant/Toddler Program. WSD provides support for Early Infant/Toddler Program in conjunction with OSPI for students who are deaf or hard of hearing in our region. This service is also offered in remote areas around the state upon request.
 - Title 72.40.040 RCW

Organization Chart and Budget

- WSD is designated as a “small agency”
- Board of Trustees
 - Washington School for the Deaf Board of Trustees is comprised of members appointed by the Governor representing each congressional district throughout the state. (RCW 72.42)
 - The Board must meet at least quarterly (RCW 72.42.070). Meetings focus on is to services and programs offered to deaf and hard of hearing students served by WSD both on campus and around the State through our Outreach department.
- Program Managers
 - Todd Reeves, Superintendent
 - Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent
 - Chuck McCarthy, Financial Operations Administrator
 - Nancy Sinkovitz, Residential Program Supervisor
 - Larry Cole, Residential Program Supervisor/Athletic Director
 - April Rounds, Human Resources Consultant
 - Lori Dunsmore, Principal (Pre-school through 12th grade program)
- Programs
 - Academic
 - Residential
 - Outreach Services
 - Early Infant/ Toddler Program

- Agency Budget

<i>Activity</i>	<i>FTE's</i>	<i>FY 04</i>	<i>FY 05</i>	<i>Total</i>
Administration	17.0	1,158,369	1,153,461	2,311,830
On Campus Education	34.8	2,172,535	2,239,600	4,412,135
Residential Program	45.2	2,033,663	2,073,269	4,106,932
Educational Support	5.8	761,094	713,537	1,474,631
Maintenance	7.0	532,896	519,089	1,051,985
Outreach	14.4	957,443	984,044	1,941,487
General Fund - State	124.2	7,616,000	7,683,000	15,299,000
Outreach	0.0	116,000	116,000	232,000
General Fund - Private/Local	0.0	116,000	116,000	232,000
	<i>FTE's</i>	<i>FY 04</i>	<i>FY 05</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total Budget	124.2	7,732,000	7,799,000	15,531,000

Most Pressing Issues or challenges your agency is facing

- **Academic Excellence:** Nationally, literacy scores for deaf and hard of hearing students lag substantially below that of normal hearing peers such that despite passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, employment levels for deaf and hard of hearing adults have remained essentially unchanged over the past decade. The school's Board of Trustees, parents, staff, and students collaborated through the strategic planning process to outline an ambitious agenda for improving test scores and align teaching practices and learning outcomes with state and federal education reform efforts.
- **Operating Budget:** Anticipated shortfalls in state revenue create anxiety concerning maintenance of the operational budget through the next biennium. Unfortunately, there is a tendency for legislators to determine a reduction in funding is warranted after comparing per student funding formulas for special education students in the public schools with a cost per student formula for WSD students. This analysis is flawed for two reasons: 1) WSD provides services not only to enrolled students, but also to students residing in their local school districts through Outreach support here at WSD; and 2) coordinated services available to many residential students enrolled at WSD cannot be provided in their local area.
- **Capital Budget:** WSD has submitted a proposal to demolish unsafe buildings and construct a new maintenance/operations/ cafeteria building on campus. The current cafeteria is in poor condition, and the current boiler room is an unsafe building. Previous efforts to initiate new construction were halted because of legislative concerns regarding decreasing student enrollment. This new construction is not tied to specific student population figures; nonetheless, opposition based on enrollment figures can be expected.
- **Recruitment of Highly Trained Staff:** Currently in Washington State no teacher training programs are available specifically designed to prepare teachers of the deaf resulting in a statewide shortage of highly qualified teachers of the deaf. In order to aggressively attract applicants to Washington State and expand the pool of qualified applicants, WSD, provides student teaching opportunities for graduate students from around the nation.

Board Member Listing by Board Position

DEAF, STATE SCHOOL FOR THE; BOARD OF TRUSTEES (HS225)

Agency 353 - State School for the Deaf	Senate Conf. Y	Positions: Maximum 013
Authority Governor, statute	Public Disc. N	Minimum 000
Authoriztn. RCW 72.42.021	Term Length 060	Actual 014
Rem. Auth. GC	Meetings/Yr. 06	

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
001	Swift, Larry E. 2306 Glen Kerry Court SE Lacey, WA 98513	A	C	07/01/2004	07/01/2009
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Congressional District 9		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
002	Decker, Bonita K. 1104 Thor Avenue Benton City, WA 99320	A	C	12/19/2003	07/01/2008
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Congressional District 4		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
003	Joiner, Allie M. 2627 Eastlake Avenue East Seattle, WA 98102	A	C	06/27/2002	07/01/2005
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Congressional District #7		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
004	Sommers, Duane 2812 South Wall Street Spokane, WA 99205	A	C	02/16/2001	07/01/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Congressional District 5		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
005	Reandean, Dolorita 2150 Fircrest Drive SE Port Orchard, WA 98366	A	C	08/19/2004	07/01/2009
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Congressional District 6		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
006	Romanish, Bruce 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue Vancouver, WA 98686	A	C	06/27/2002	07/01/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Congressional District 3		

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007	Clothier, Pat E. NW ESD #189 205 West Stewart Road Mount Vernon, WA 98273	A	C	10/03/2000	07/01/2005
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Congressional District 2		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
008	Weldele-Wallace, Sidney 3513 Orchard Place SE Auburn, WA 98092	A	C	06/27/2002	07/01/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Congressional District 8		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
009	Parker Jensen, Holly 15208 55th Avenue SE Everett, WA 98208	A	C	06/27/2002	07/01/2005
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Congressional District #1		