Ridgefield Education Association

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Here Comes the Bond!

WEA Board Elections

The Washington Education Association is now accepting nominations for WEA Board Directors, Delegates to the National Education Association (NEA) Representative Assembly (RA), and NEA State director for Washington. Information for the positions is available on the <u>WEA</u> website. Nominations will be accepted online through February 2nd. Online voting on candidates will be from February 9th through March 1st. Be sure to vote! Our own loe Thayer is running for election!

Lobbying in Oly!

Members from REA will be going to Olympia on <u>February 20th</u> with delegates from around the state to talk to lawmakers about school related issues being addressed in our current legislative session. <u>Here</u> <u>are our priorities</u>. If you are interested in joining, contact your building rep! Driving around our community, many of us have seen the numerous bond signs urging constituents to vote YES! for the bond. Our effort to help get the word out to the community has been ramping up with eyes on the ballot due date of February 11th. Both ridgefield elementary schools are past their capacity, and portables are already in place at our newly constructed intermediate school, so many teachers are keenly aware of the need for our bond to be passed.



There have been postcards available at each school to add a personal touch when reaching out to local residents, as well as canvassing going on over the weekends. Anything you can do to help get our bond passed is vital, as we missed the mark on last year's bond by 120 voters. We will need to work together to get the facilities and funding we all need!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bond

 Election day is Tuesday, February 11th

 Make sure everyone is registered to vote!

REA

- Lobby Day in Olympia February 20th
- SPARKS conference - Feb. 20-22
- Upcoming Riverside PD - <u>Teaching for</u> <u>Equality</u>

WEA

- WEA Nominations due February 2nd
- WEA voting February 9th-March 1st

Education associations are democratically run organizations that represent, support, and defend the interests, ideas, and professionalism of our members. We are proud to have the opportunity to serve YOU.