



PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OF WASHINGTON

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Dear PSE Member,

Being a member of PSE SEIU Local 1948 is a balancing act between our commitment to the students doing a job we love and fighting for fair wages and benefits for ourselves and our fellow workers.

The place where we must sustain this fight is at the legislative level. Our voices need to be present and loud, bringing awareness to our contributions as Education Support Professionals to the State Capitol and then back to our communities.

We have a representative government with legislators whose campaigns are increasingly funded by antiunion groups who would rather see public sector unions broken and ineffective, or preferably nonexistent. They would rather see public schools phased out and run by the private sector, free from union representation and adherent solely to investor-shareholder value. They would rather contract our jobs as public sector employees out to the lowest bidder, removing the current level of benefits and wages we have fought long and hard for.

Member involvement at the legislative level—advocating for smaller class sizes, increased wages, better benefits, and a safer work environment may sound overwhelming. However, there is an entire union support system behind you who are ready and willing to help their fellow members gain the knowledge and confidence needed to advocate for public school employees at PSE's Legislative Conference in Olympia. You will leave Leg Conference as activated, educated, and empowered leaders, ready to advocate for the rights we all deserve.

Members over the years have said attending Legislative Conference instilled in them the inspiration and confidence to become actively involved in their local government and chapters. Some even went on to apply for the Frank J. Warnke Legislative Internship, become Legislative Council members, and even run for Zone Director—myself included.

Please join us for a weekend of workshops, meeting with legislators, and camaraderie as we continue the fight for a better future for our families and communities.

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