

## **WEA supports School Psychology in Washington State**

The WEA believes that each affiliate should include in its master contract the following relevant provisions as a minimum:

**School psychologist to student ratio of no more than 1:1000.**

Whereas, school psychologists are educational and mental health professionals who help children and youth overcome barriers to success in school, at home, and in life;

Now, therefore be it resolved, That the WEA believes that through school psychologists' use of assessment, consultation, intervention and prevention programming, inservice education, research/planning, and provision of mental health services; school psychologists are an integral component of a successful learning environment.

In addition, the following new business items passed. These call for action:

That WEA advocate for equal recognition and financial compensation for ESAs who receive national certification in the same manner as teachers who receive National Board Certification.

That WEA assign a WEA staff member to be a liaison to all represented ESAs for the purpose of improved communication with a unique smaller population within the body of WEA.