Greetings, and happy School Psychology Awareness Week!

This week is School Psychology Awareness Week nationally, which has been officially recognized by Governor Inslee here in Washington State. I wanted to take a moment to tell you about a great project my association, the Washington State Association of School Psychologists (WSASP), has been engaged in to advocate for all kids.

We have had the wonderful opportunity to be working with the state for the last three years with other stakeholder groups at OSPI under a proviso from Governor Inslee to develop Social Emotional Learning Benchmarks K-12. This project “provides guiding principles, standards, and benchmarks that provide the foundation and system for effective Social Emotional Learning programming.” Here is a link to the published report from September 2016.  <http://www.k12.wa.us/Workgroups/SELB-Meetings/SELBWorkgroup2016Report.pdf>.

An additional proviso from Governor Inslee last year allowed for the creation of online modules for implementing Social Emotional Learning in schools and districts, as seen here, <http://www.k12.wa.us/StudentSupport/SEL/OnlineModule.aspx>. The modules went live on 9/19/2017. I would encourage you to review this great resource. The group did an amazing job and there are some wonderful resources one could use in a school environment to promote and implement SEL within any school.

Thank you for your time, and please contact me if you have any further questions.