

In-Transit Info On Focus Day Activities

February 21, 2009

This doc is primarily for organizers of buses and/or carpools, though it may be helpful to any attendee. Listed below are links to key materials on our WSPTA-FD website –(website to be updated Monday Feb 23rd; all are available *now* at [FWS](#)). These are the key items that may be most helpful to print out and have with you. Many other online resources are available too.

- 1.) [Focus Day Agenda](#)
- 2.) [Practical Tips for Attendees](#)
- 3.) [Sign-Making Guide for Rally](#)
- 4.) [Map of State Capitol Campus – Showing Parking](#)

Check-List for the Days Before

- Email your riders with this info, and your *when/where/what* meeting and departure info
- Make 3 signs to mark your bus for riders returning at Olympia – for front window and 2 sides
- Print off Resources appropriate to you from [WSPTA –FD webpage](#) or www.fundingwaschools.org
New: Attendee Tips; New Campus Map; Top 5 Talking Points; Leg. Appt. List, etc
- Wear “Basic Blue” color to help identify as WSPTA – any blue will do! Be weather prepped
- Think about slogans or/& pre-make 8x11 printouts for sign-boards available at the Rally
- Review ‘Practical Tips to Attending FD09’ -- what to bring (phone; camera, pen & paper; biz cards, umbrella?); what to wear and expect
- Determine where you will likely park or be dropped / picked up.
- Other?!?!?

Check-List on the Ride To Olympia

- Take attendance; exchange cell #s
- Confirm when & where you’ll meet your transportation afterwards
- Show your riders the sign to look for in the bus/car window to ID their ride home
- Think about ideas and slogans to write on sign boards for the Rally
- Review Where & when to go – highlight your group’s priorities
- Put the signs in the window to mark your bus/car
- Remember, there will be media present!
- Other?!?!?

Upon Arrival at the Olympia Capitol Campus

- Look for Field Leaders with blue/white PTA umbrellas – will give directions, answer questions; Look for directional signage as you may need to get to the Capitol Dome and Steps
- Outside Leg. Bldg. Pick up and make Rally signs: East Patio of the Leg. Bldg (faces Diagonals, look for balloons)
- In Leg. Bldg.: Check at the Welcome Table, pick up Packets, Lapel Stickers; questions answered, look for the Legislator Appt list – see if you want to attend
- In Leg. Bldg.: Go into the Columbia for info, rest, network, etc
- Other?!?!?

Our #1 Rally issue, Basic Ed Funding has been a roller-coaster ride of late. Our Advocacy Coordinator has an update in the latest Grassroots and on the website on the status of relevant bills. Please look for these as well as a new Top 5 Talking Points from Kim Howard.

FD Agenda Highlights

- **Central Meeting Area:** Columbia Room in the Leg. Building (*Capitol Dome*)
- **12:00 Noontime Rally Area:** *South Steps of the Legislative Building (facing Courthouse)*

- 9:00** Welcome Table opens: Columbia Room in basement of Leg. Bldg.
- 10:30** Orientation to Focus Day Activities, Bill & Committee Status, Issues
- *Welcome by WSPTA President Laura Bay; Chairs Byron Shutz & Shelley Kloba; Paul Cheek, WSPTA Legislative Director & Kim Howard WSPTA staff; Top 5 WSPTA Priority Issues*
- 11:45** Gather on the north steps of Legislative Building (Capitol Dome)
- 12:00 - 1:00** **Rally on The Capitol Steps** of the Legislative Building
- *Guest Speakers: Governor Gregoire; Senator McAuliffe; Rep. Hunter; Rep. Priest; Robert Harkin, Office of OSPI; Edie Harding, State Board of Education*
 - *Selected members to tell their stories in support of education finance reform*
- 1:30- 2:15** *Brown bag lunch with Rep. Ross Hunter; status of Ed Finance Reform*
- 2:15-2:45** *Edie Harding from the State Board of Education; Q & A.*
- 2:45-4:00** *Networking, appointments; attend hearings, tour campus, etc.*
- 4:00** *Columbia room must be vacated; take all belongings.*

Check-List for the Ride Home

- Take attendance – account for everyone.
- Congratulate and thank yourselves!
- Remind folks to write thank you notes to their legislators
- Remind folks to go online to do Zoomerang post-event survey
- Remind folks to send pics to [Brooke](#) for Facebook; pics and video to [Tobi](#) to make videos
- Review opportunities to stay engaged – email/call legislators, local town halls, make appt, etc
- Be creative on how you will celebrate tonight!
- Other?!?!?

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WSPTA Focus Day: www.wastatepta.org/leg/session_09.htm
WSPTA Advocacy: www.wastatepta.org/legislation.htm
WSPTA CapWiz Center: capwiz.com/npta2/wa/home/