



## A Message from WSPTA President Laura Bay

*Keeping our membership and stakeholders informed of any major changes within WSPTA is always a priority for this association. Please share this message with others as you deem appropriate.*

For the past seven months WSPTA has been conducting an Executive Search for our next Executive Director. It is with great pleasure that I announce the WSPTA Board of Directors has hired Mr. **Bill Williams** who will take the position April 21, 2008.

The WSPTA search committee worked hard to find a leader who has proven success working with a membership organization, advocating for youth at state and federal levels, and believes in our mission.

Bill is highly respected among his peers and the larger community, most recently with National School Board Association, WSSDA, and North Thurston School Board. Bill is an attorney and has worked with the state Attorney General's office, successfully representing the state in cases before all three divisions of the Washington Court of Appeals, the Washington Supreme Court, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and has twice argued cases before the United States Supreme Court. In 2001 Bill was recognized by then Attorney General Christine Gregoire as a Steward of Justice.



***Bill Williams***

Equally impressive is Bill's experience as an education leader. Bill has been a member of the North Thurston Public Schools Board of Directors since 1986 and has served four terms as Board President. He served two terms as Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) and was WSSDA President in 2001. From 2003 to 2007 he represented the nine states of the Pacific Region on the Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association.

This organization is moving into a new phase of growth and Bill is the leader who will help guide us to a new level of success for every child.

Best Regards,  
Laura Bay, President

