

WEA NEWSLETTER

January 2026

What We Learned

Welcoming 2026 with Gratitude, Momentum, and Solidarity

As we turn the page to a new year, the WEA would like to warmly welcome everyone back and wish our members a happy, healthy, and hopeful January. The start of a new year always brings fresh energy—and after the efforts and challenges of 2025, that energy is well earned.

Reflecting on 2025

The past year demanded resilience, professionalism, and unwavering commitment from our educators. Through negotiations, classroom challenges, and ever-changing expectations, our members continued to show up for students and one another. Your dedication did not go unnoticed, and the strength of our union was evident throughout the year.

Celebrating a Major Win for Unit A

We are proud to once again congratulate Unit A on the successful settlement of their contract agreement. This achievement reflects the power of collaboration, member engagement, and standing together for fair and equitable working conditions. Thank you to everyone who played a role in this process.

As we begin 2026, we look forward with optimism and determination toward achieving equal success for Unit B. The WEA remains committed to advocating strongly on behalf of all members.

Reminders

Degree Advancement paperwork is due by **February 1, 2026**. Please submit in Talent Ed.

If you are planning to advance on the salary schedule, please be sure all required documentation is submitted by this deadline. Reach out to your building representative if you have any questions.

Upcoming Meetings

- January 12, 3:45 at Highland
- February 9, 3:45 at WRES
- March 9, 3:45 at Munger Hill
- April 13, 3:45 at Papermill

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