

Why WEA-PAC?

The Senators responsible for numerous bills that are anti-teacher and harmful to kids are



Senator Rodney Tom

← two very good reasons. →

These two senators portray themselves as the “reformers” to Improve Public Education in Washington.



Senator Steve Litzow

So, what are the ‘reforms’ they are proposing to make education better?

SB 5242 Allows principals to fire any teacher they don’t like without any kind of fair or objective process and regardless of their job performance or experience.

SB 5856 Eliminates pensions for new school employees and school employees under age 45, forcing them into a risky 401(k)-style plan. SB5851 is a slightly watered down version of this that would establish the 401K system as a voluntary option (for now, but it is likely a foot in the door strategy).

SB 5852 Eliminates TRI Pay which causes districts to reduce pay for 80% of all current Washington teachers

SB 5328 Pilots a program to grade public schools based on student test scores, giving them a letter grade A-F.

SB 5237 mandates a complicated retention policy for third and fourth graders based on reading test scores. Provides no funding but diverts funds from students in all grades/subjects into one grade/subject.

SB 5329 Allows the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to take over certain schools and it allows OSPI to turn the schools into charter schools. The bill mandates the state’s 10 lowest performing schools improve or face closure – without providing any additional funding or resources.

These are clearly not “reforms” that will help students learn, help teachers teach, attract and keep great teachers or fully fund our schools, as ordered by the State Supreme Court.

WEA-PAC is our WEA Political Action Committee that works to remove this type of legislator and elect legislators who will support students, teachers and schools. Your contribution is needed if we are going to stop guys like these from using their office to harm our public school system.

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