Electorate Priorities
State Councillors were tasked with presenting the three top priorities from their electorates, along with potential solutions, to State Council. The activity was a huge success, generating lots of valuable discussion and giving Councillors great insight into the many similarities and some differences in neighbouring electorates. The results of the activity will assist WACSSO’s Executive team to set the organisation’s priorities for the coming year. Some common priority issues that were raised were as follows:

- Securing up to date contact details for affiliates
- Retaining P&C members, securing office bearers and making quorum at meetings
- Population growth and school overcrowding – planning for the future
- Mental Health Awareness and Support
- Ensuring P&Cs are recognised as more than just the ‘fundraising group’

Councillors moving on
WACSSO wishes three State Councillors all the best for the future as they move on from their electorates. Joondalup North State Councillor Warren Daniel will retire from his seat on 31st December after three years representing Joondalup North. This was Warren’s second stint with WACSSO after a hiatus. As a former educator and now university teaching assessor, Warren’s contribution to WACSSO, particularly in the area of curriculum is highly regarded and he will be missed by WACSSO and his electorate.

Also moving on are Swan West Councillor Michele Drieberg after five years and Joondalup South Councillors Michael Clarke after two years. We thank all outgoing councillors for their time and commitment to public education in Western Australia.

Online Learning Community
Training Officer Richard Brand reported to State Council that since its launch in September the Online Learning Community has had 233 people sign up and the FAQ section has had 1519 hits! Affiliates are encouraged to take advantage of the resources, discussion forums, quizzes and FAQs available to all OLC members. Also, Greg Mitchell’s extremely entertaining video from WACSSO Conference is now available for viewing! Your State Councillor or Richard (training@wacsso.wa.edu.au) can assist you with anything OLC related. Access the OLC: http://wacsso.moodlesite.pukunui.net/login/index.php

P&C Survey Report now available
The full report form the 2015 inaugural P&C survey, conducted in June, is now available. The survey P&C Associations will donate in excess of an estimated $15 million to schools this year in funds and resources and P&C volunteers across the state will give will give more than 764,000 hours of their time to their school community by the end of Term 4. The 2016 survey will launch in Term 2 and with a few modifications to ensure the survey is simpler to complete, we hope all P&Cs will participate to assist WACSSO to form a clear picture of the value of P&Cs to Western Australian school communities. Access the report here.

2016-17 State Budget Submission
The Planning Portfolio has set its priorities for WACSSO’s submission to Treasury on the State Budget 2016-17. The submission will be lodged in December. Major priorities include: Adequate funding for A+ outcomes; Closing the gap of disadvantage; Planning for the future; Embracing the digital age; Schools and the community, and; Safety getting to school.

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On behalf of the State Council and Staff of WACSSO, have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year period and we look forward to seeing you next year.