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Partnering with P&Cs to
advance public education

Dear P&C Association,

Is your P&C part of the collective voice?

Is there someone in your P&C with the right skills and experience who would be willing to represent your Electorate on the State Council of WACSSO?

For almost 100 years the Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc. (WACSSO) has worked passionately to represent the interests of parents, citizens and students associated with Government schools in Western Australia – all the while never losing sight of a simple principle, that we are stronger together.

The Mission of WACSSO is simple. We are committed to the advancement of public schools and work tirelessly to ensure that every child in Western Australia has access to the best education possible. WACSSO plays an important role in the development of education policies, partnering with P&Cs to advance public education.

We are excited to announce a volunteer opportunity in which you can directly impact the advancement of public education. WACSSO is currently seeking a passionate P&C member to nominate for State Council. The role of a WACSSO State Councillor calls for you to represent and be a voice of parents and local school communities in your electorate, as per the information on the back of this letter.

As a volunteer State Councillor, you will work to **help keep our Mission alive**. As you engage with affiliated P&Cs, you will build positive effective relationships; listening to what is working well and what needs improvement. You will be ready to develop your skills and knowledge supported by the WACSSO team as we work together to support P&Cs and advance public education.

State Council meets a total of five times a year to discuss education issues of interest and works to determine appropriate WACSSO direction which will enhance educational outcomes in the public-school system. This is a unique opportunity to network with like-minded people who are committed to public education.

Candidates must complete and return a nomination form and the National Criminal History Check Summary Sheet including the four items of certified identification to the WACSSO office by **12:00pm, Friday 22 November 2019**. **These forms and further information are available by visiting our website www.wacssso.wa.edu.au or contacting the office to have a pack mailed to you.** Please ensure that the nominee is a financial member of your Association, that the nomination form is signed by the President, Secretary and the Nominee, and that the nomination is accompanied by the P&C meeting minutes at which this motion was voted on and accepted.

If you are ready to make an active contribution to the public school system by partnering with P&Cs and working alongside fellow WACSSO State Councillors we invite you to join the WACSSO team.

Yours sincerely

Pania Turner
President

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Peel North Electorate By-Election Information

Timetable for By-Elections

Nominations Close

12 Noon, Friday 22 November 2019

Ballot forms will be posted the following week if required

Ballot Closes & Declaration of Elections

12 Noon, Friday 17 January 2020

Term of Office Commences

Where there is no sitting Councillor and only one nomination is received, the nominee will be declared elected unopposed at the close of nominations and is entitled to take office immediately. A State Councillor elected at a by-election shall take office immediately for the balance of the original term of three (3) years applicable to that electorate.

WACSSO State Council Elections will be conducted in the following manner:

Eligibility

The nominee must be a financial member of a school organisation. The nominating school organisation must be a WACSSO affiliate from within the electorate.

Nominations

All nominations are required to be in writing on the official 'nomination form' which is included in the election package provided by WACSSO. Please ensure the following details are provided:

- Nominee's full name;
- Name of nominee's school organisation;
- Electorate for which nominating;
- Signature of President and Secretary of school organisation or of members acting in this capacity.
- A short history of the nominee's qualification, attainments and aims.
- National Police History Check Summary Sheet and 4 certified copies of identification.
- The P&C Meeting Minutes at which the nomination was accepted.

National Criminal History Check

- Apply online only at www.education.wa.edu.au/ncchc

Ballot

If a postal ballot becomes necessary, i.e. when more than one nomination is received for any electorate, then each association in that electorate is entitled to cast one vote for the candidate of its choice. The casting of the vote should be decided upon at a properly constituted meeting of the association.

Nomination forms must be lodged with the WACSSO office by the due date as above.

For information regarding the process please visit www.wacssso.wa.edu.au or contact the WACSSO office by phone on 9264 4000.

Proposed 2020 State Council Meeting Dates:

14 & 15 March

6 & 7 June

14, 15 & 16 August (Annual Conference)

19 & 20 September

14 & 15 November