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Dear P&C Association,

Does your P&C have a voice? Does your P&C have a suitable person who is willing to represent your Electorate on the State Council of WACSSO?

The Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc. (WACSSO) represents the interests of parents, citizens and students associated with Government schools in Western Australia. WACSSO plays an important role in the development of education policies and influences the direction of education for the benefit of students and towards the views held by parents.

The role of the volunteer State Councillor is to assist P&Cs in resolving issues at a local level and canvas local P&C opinion on educational issues, ensuring WACSSO accurately represents our affiliates at a state and national level.

New State Councillors will be supported as they develop in their role through a mentor (buddy) system as well as training. A willingness to actively participate in discussions both at State Council meetings and with affiliates in the Electorate the Councillor represents is essential. While the volunteer State Councillor works with passion as they represent their Electorate, they also have a responsibility to abide by the WACSSO Constitution and Code of Conduct.

WACSSO is calling for nominations to fill the position of State Councillor to represent your Electorate. Further information is on the back of this letter.

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 *noon, Friday 2 April 2021*. **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.** The nominee must be a financial member of your Association. The nomination form must be signed by the President, Secretary, and the Nominee. Please ensure that the P&C meeting minutes at which the nomination motion was voted on and accepted, are included with the completed and signed nomination form.

Any additional information can be obtained by contacting the WACSSO office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pania Turner", written over a horizontal line.

Pania Turner
President

29 January 2021

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Electorate Election Information

Timetable for Elections

Nominations Close:

12 Noon, Friday 2 April 2021

Ballot forms will be posted the following week if required

Ballot Closes & Declaration of Elections:

12 Noon, Monday 31 May 2021

Term of Office Commences

Where there is a sitting Councillor the term of office commences on 1 June 2021. 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.
- A correctly completed application form for police check.
- 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.

2021 State Council Meeting Dates

13 & 14 March

12 & 13 June

20, 21 & 22 August (Annual Conference)

18 & 19 September

13 & 14 November