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Joanne Greer elected next WSSDA vice president.

Joanne Greer, a member of the Deer Park School Board, has been elected as the next vice president of the Washington State School Directors' Association Board of Directors.

Greer was chosen following a month-long ballot by mail of school board members from across the state.



“We are thrilled to have Joanne join WSSDA’s executive board,” said WSSDA Executive Director Alan Burke. “She has a breadth of experience, not just at the local level but on the association’s board and legislative committee.”

Greer has served on the Deer Park board for 17 years and has represented the region on the WSSDA Board of Directors since 2013. She also served on WSSDA’s legislative committee for 10 years.

Greer will assume office during the closing session of the WSSDA Annual Conference this November and will serve for a year. She will join Chris Nation, of Marysville, who was selected as president-elect, and Chris Nieuwenhuis of Riverside School District as officers for 2014-15. Nieuwenhuis was selected as president –elect last year, and automatically becomes president.

School directors from the state’s 295 school districts cast ballots in the election, which ran from August 25 to September 26.

“We had more voters this year than we’ve seen in recent years,” Burke said. “It indicates how significant the stakes are for education as we address some very big issues, including funding to meet the McCleary court decision.”

The new officers will be introduced and sworn into office at the conference general session November 22.

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About WSSDA — Founded in 1922, the Washington State School Directors' Association is comprised of all 1,477 school board members from Washington’s 295 school districts. The districts they lead serve more than one million students, have a combined annual budget of \$6 billion, and employ nearly 100,000 people. WSSDA’s core mission is focused on ensuring that school board members have the knowledge, tools and services they need to effectively govern their districts and improve student learning.