

# KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

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Website: Chelan-Douglas-SRA.org

## YOUR NEXT MEETING

### December 16

When: December 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Wenatchee Valley Sr. Center 1312 Maple Street

We meet in Suite B

Join us for Lunch - Sandwiches and Soup

All are welcome but you must RSVP the Sr. Center the Friday before the meeting to make your lunch reservation. Call 509- 662-7036 or go online at [wenatcheeseniorcenter.com](http://wenatcheeseniorcenter.com) and tell them you are with the CDSRA group. (\$5 Lunch!)

December program:

## COOKIE EXCHANGE



Bring 1-2 dozen cookies to give away and take home of a variety of delicious cookies that you didn't have to bake!

We will also have a special Holiday visit from our Legislators:



WASHINGTON STATE SENATOR KEITH GOEHNER

12TH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE BRIAN BURNETT



The Mission of the Chelan/Douglas School Retirees' Association is to secure and protect retirees' benefits and to provide educational and service opportunities for members.

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## WSSRA LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

On November 18, 2025, the Select Committee on Pension Policy concluded its study of two bills affecting the overfunded LEOFF 1 pension plan. The first bill, SB 5085, which WSSRA strongly supports, would use the LEOFF 1 surplus to provide an ongoing COLA to TRS 1 and PERS 1 retirees. The second bill, HB 2034, would transfer the LEOFF 1 surplus into the state's general fund, allowing lawmakers to spend it.

While the committee was not required to recommend a course of action to the legislature, WSSRA was vocal in urging it to endorse SB 5085. There was hope that the committee would listen after it received legal guidance that identified SB 5085 as the option that presented less risk. However, after a debate, the committee decided to make no recommendation to the legislature regarding the two bills.

Ultimately, the committee did recommend a separate piece of legislation to provide a one-time COLA to TRS 1 and PERS 1 retirees in 2026. However, with the legislature preparing to address another budget deficit in 2026, this bill will likely face a difficult path forward. WSSRA will advocate for TRS 1 and PERS 1 retirees to receive a COLA in 2026, either through SB 5085 or the one-time COLA bill.

As the 2026 legislative session draws near, the WSSRA Legislative Committee is preparing to go to work on your behalf. Due to the state budget deficit, we will also advocate to protect the subsidy that the state provides to all Medicare-eligible retirees who purchase insurance through the Public Employees Benefits Board.

**Information on how to contact our legislators is on the back page.**

Questions or Comments? Terry Sloan - WSSRA Legislative Rep. @ [red2552@charter.net](mailto:red2552@charter.net)

RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED



Could you help out Rock Island Elementary School?

**WANTED:**

Gently used or new items that students can purchase with their "Happy Hornet Bucks". Students will be able to shop for their family for the holidays.



You can take them to the school office or get them to a WSSRA Board member and we will deliver! Call: Sue Kane 509-860-1439

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS!**

On Our Website: <https://chelan-douglas-sra.org>

- Upcoming Events and Programs that may be of interest to you.
- Misplace your newsletter? Look Here!
- We have some amazing programs coming up.
- Bring a friend to a program. Your guest does not have to be a member for their first visit.
- Remember, reserve your lunches early!
- Now is the time to check out the **WSSRA Scholarships**. The student's parent does not have to be a member of WSSRA/CDSRA..

**PLAN 1 RETIREES WE NEED YOUR VOICES!**

**We need Plan 1 members to contact their legislators!**

This year is our best shot to get a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) during this legislative session!

In your own words, tell them why the legislature needs to pass Substitute Senate Bill 5085 to restore an ongoing COLA for TRS 1 and PERS 1 retirees and protect retired teacher and school employee health insurance. (\$183)

**Getting in touch is easy. All you need to do:**

- Dial (800) 562-6000 between 8 AM to 12 PM or 1 PM to 4:30 PM on a weekday.
- You'll be connected to an operator who will ask for your name and address.
- Tell your message to the operator.
- The operator will type up your message and send it directly to your legislators.

**PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU!**