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WLS SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENTS UPDATE

Greeting Teachers-

September 5, 2013

This November marks another WLS school board election. In this election, incumbents John Adler, Frank Erme, and Steve Zuber, face challengers Patricia Carmean and Jim Langenderfer. Since this is the first election in recent memory that WLS school board incumbents face challengers, support through endorsements has become critical for success or defeat. Members can rest assured that TAWLS Committee to Elect, under chair Matt Durham, will take the responsibility to screen each candidate professionally and respectfully for this election. While TAWLS enjoys a good and strong relationship with our current board members, we pledge to work with all candidates that are seated on the board in January.

It is not a secret that OAPSE has chosen to not endorse any current members and instead has opted to endorse Patricia Carmean and Jim Langenderfer. Regardless of their reasons, their endorsements do not dictate the outcome or decision of TAWLS. TAWLS respects and appreciates the hard work that OAPSE members contribute each day and we will continue to maintain a strong relationship regardless of the candidates that we endorse or do not endorse. The TAWLS leadership and I have been closely monitoring the endorsement outcomes from OAPSE, and through our committee to elect we will do the best for our teachers and kids with regard to the endorsements.

As of today, Matt Durham has sent out questionnaires to all candidates who will appear on Sept 16th in the TAWLS office for a scheduled screening. At the conclusion of the screenings we will review the information and make a recommendation to the TAWLS Executive Committee to vote on whether to accept or decline the recommendations. During this process we will respect each candidate and take into account their vision for the WLS school board, experiences, and our past relationships with them. If you have any further concerns or questions, please feel free to contact TAWLS leadership.

With Unity,

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