



A Note from Our President

“Enough is enough!” That is what 20 of your SEA colleagues and myself heard over and over again in Olympia on Nov. 28th — the first day of the Special Legislative Session.

We boarded a bus 5:00 in the morning along with 20 members of WEA-Eastern. Reaching Olympia at 11am — we poured out of the bus and mingled with 500 other WEA members who were there on a mission like we were — “Enough is Enough” and “NO more cuts!” It was a day of excitement — with people carrying signs with all sorts of different messages on them — media and reporters all over the place.

On the way back home — I kept thinking — “What will it take to get the rest of the SEA members to say, “Enough is Enough?” What will it take for members, who have been silent for so long in the political arena, to finally speak up or write and letter/email their legislators? Will it be the elimination of 10 school days which equals 10 days of pay? Our choices in health care reduced to just one state-wide? Will it take teacher evaluations based on student test scores? The elimination of our collective bargaining agreement? Perhaps the transfer of staff just on the whim of a principal or supervisor?

This can all happen — it has happened elsewhere! Power to change things doesn’t come from me — I am only one person —it comes from ALL of us! YOU are the “U” in Union. We must stand up for ourselves. We must stand up for public education. We must stand up for our future.

Are you willing to stand?

- *Jenny Rose*, President

