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Arlington community member and district administrators recognized with WASA Awards

EVERETT- An Arlington community member and two Arlington Public Schools administrators were recognized with Sno-Isle Region 109 Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) awards on May 11.

The recipients are:

Sherri Ballew- President, Arlington Education Foundation

Ballew received the WASA Community Leadership Award for Arlington Public Schools. Under her leadership, the Arlington Education Foundation gave \$6,449.24 in teacher mini-grants this year with more grants still to be funded. She also sponsored bringing the Dolly Parton Imagination library to Arlington. Now, more than 508 families are registered and over 3,000 books have been mailed to families.

Mike Johnson- Executive Director of Human Resources, Arlington Public Schools

Johnson received the WASA Region 109 Award of Merit. He has served as the region's president for the 2016-17 school year. He has facilitated and organized the professional development opportunities, which were centered on legislative changes that impact school funding, bargaining in the midst of McCleary, evaluating central office administrators and negotiation strategies.

Will Nelson- Principal, Weston High School

Nelson received the WASA Student Achievement Award for Arlington Public Schools. At Weston High School, Nelson has incorporated and put into place Project-Based Learning, Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) and Restorative Justice practices. Nelson has been working collaboratively with the

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Arlington Drug and Alcohol Coalition (ADAC) and recently received an award for his involvement with the Arlington Community Resource Center.

"I would like to congratulate Sherri, Mike and Will for their efforts in furthering student achievement and supporting teachers and staff," said Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Arlington Public Schools Superintendent. "These awards are well deserved."

The three received the awards during WASA's annual awards luncheon May 11 in Everett.

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Cutline: Sherri Ballew, Will Nelson and Mike Johnson received Sno-Isle Region 109 Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) awards May 11 in Everett. (Left to right): Will Nelson-Principal, Weston High School; Dr. Chrys Sweeting-Superintendent, Arlington Public Schools; Sherri Ballew-President, Arlington Education Foundation; and Mike Johnson-Executive Director of Human Resources, Arlington Public Schools.