

Report of the Social Justice Committee

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By action from the 2018 Delegate Assembly, NSEA President Jenni Benson appointed the Social Justice Committee to support the Association's Strategic Plan. The committee will assist with coordination of activities and social justice trainings throughout the state. NSEA's Strategic Plan works to advance a culture of social justice by improving educational opportunities for all students and building respect for the worth, dignity and equality of every individual in our diverse society.

The committee chair met with President Benson several times through the year as activities were planned in accordance with the Strategic Plan. Three Governance (Metro, Tri-Valley and Capitol) Districts have now hosted social justice trainings. The staff incorporated social justice work in their planned activities. The NSEA Government Relations team considered social and racial justice when supporting or opposing legislation.

The full committee met on March 2 in Lincoln. The committee considered whether this should become a standing committee or placed under a branch of an existing NSEA committee. Committee members discussed making sure every district has representation on this committee. The committee also reviewed the Capitol, Tri-Valley and Metro Districts social justice events. The committee decided to take a New Business Item to Delegate Assembly asking to continue the committee another year.