REPORT TO THE WA-ACTE EXECUTIVE BOARD

WA-ACTE President

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1. General thoughts:

Greetings from my bunker/office down in the bottom floor of the Auburn SD administration building. I worked from home for three months before I found I have no off button. What that means is that I can't walk away from a job only partially done. My daughter kept telling me to get off the computer at 10:00 at night but like many of you I thought I could outlast COVID and all its issues. So I begged to go back to my office so I could leave my computer and non-completed work there for the next day. It seems to be helping my attitude, at least I think so. As we move forward in both life and education I am realizing that this will be a marathon and not a sprint as I had hoped but with your help we'll find our way through.

Because of COVID we have moved our summer conference from face to face to fully online and this couldn't have happened with some of the best section leaders I've had the pleasure to work with. What each of them is bringing to the table for you in sessions is awesome. At the time of my report we have over 130 sessions coming on-line for you this August and they will remain archived for your review throughout the year. With all that is still changing in our lives I hope you stay healthy and zoom into as many sessions as you can. I'll see you virtually in August.

2. Strategic Plan Activities:

Tim and the WA-ACTE team has dove head first into a new reality of a fully on-line conference. This was being planned for as part of the strategic plan under quality professional development but was a "down the road" idea that took the front seat as we moved into June. With the strong leadership of the PD committee I have seen sections and their members advocate for their areas and promote the need of CTE even as we work outside the regular classroom. We will need to stay focused and help OSPI and our Washington legislators keep CTE in the forefront of their messages of what makes a strong student, district, state and country as we move forward.

3. Matters of Interest:

As each of you gets better at on-line and taped lessons this could be a great time to revisit the idea of a Washington CTE warehouse of information and lessons. If this is of interest to you please contact me at <u>lkeliher@auburn.wednet.edu</u> and perhaps we can get a group together to make this archive in information happen.

4. Executive Committee Activities:

The Executive committee has been meeting and learning about virtual conferences and how best to bring quality professional development to all the CTE instructors in Washington.