REPORT TO THE WA-ACTE EXECUTIVE BOARD

President

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1. General Thoughts:

The sunny days of summer are a memory that feels so long ago. The hint cold nights and gray days seem to never end and will we ever feel the warmth of the sun again? This feeling can crossover to our schools and classrooms as we start to exit the winter months. The good news is semesters are ending and days are getting longer. The hope that new semesters and glimpses of the great yellow ball in the sky grow more as each day passes. The beginning of the new legislative session with the plethora of bills that will be presented and hope of a bill that will pass and positively impact your life can bring hope to the new year. Tim and Jessie have been working on this year's CTE legislation priorities and talking to legislators to push forward the WA-ACTE legislative agenda. Stay tune for more information.

2. Strategic Plan Activities:

I have had the opportunity to work with Tim and Jessie on the legislative agenda as well as other key WA-ACTE issues. Our next WA-ACTE board meeting we are going to start the conversation around some possible changes in the strategic plan process. Some of these issues will be discussed at our next board meeting.

3. Matters of Interest:

I had the privilege of attending the ACTE Career Tech Vision conference in Las Vegas in December of last year. ACTE did an outstanding job with the conference and I walked away with many new and interesting ideas. The opportunity to attend the ACTE Awards Gala at the conference is one of my takeaway memories. It was a pleasure to be in attendance and support Cindy Arnold, CTE Director from Battle Ground School District as a national finalist for CTE Director of the Year and Sammi Jo Sims, Ellensburg School District finalist for national New Teacher of the Year. My heart sang when Sammy Jo won the award for national Teacher of the Year! Cindy Arnold was a runner-up for the CTE Director of the Year award and was a proud representative of our state. The conferences had excellent opportunities to increase my knowledge of CTE practices.

4. Executive Committee Activities:

The Executive Board has been meeting weekly to discuss issues of concern to WA-ACTE members ranging from legislative issues to CTSO processes. I have also, attended Legislative and other state meetings.