

Fall WACTA comments

- Well done. Like the ed camps
- Offer other space for eating and taking notes
- Additional 5 minutes between sessions would help with the digestion of the information
- Wish we didn't have to pay to find out compliance information
- I really liked being able to see all the presentations
- New format is a positive. Keep sessions at 35-40 minutes
- Not so much compliance related topics. More sessions with actual take-away practical application materials when you don't have to pay for the program
- More best practices sharing of what works
- Maybe some more intentional direction to the reflection part.
- Roundtable sessions allow more opportunities for more learning. Consider some type of incentive to solicit more presentation topics
- Lots of positive. 3 or the 6 sessions felt helpful. I wonder what kind of analysis of gender and ethnic/racial bias was conducted on the aptitude test.
- Agenda needs to be put out earlier. The same information has been presented over and over. I did like that we traveled in groups to listen to all of the presentations. Need more content. This gets harder to justify to admin to come. The character strong was great, took the most from that session. Wonder if devices could be asked to be turned off. So many on email.
- Less direct instruction, more small group instruction.
- Slightly longer breakout sessions w/ less full group presentation time. Conference was great. Thank you for thoughtful scheduling, electronic access to all presentations, coffee all day and great collaboration time.
- Allow more time for sessions
- Really like the modified ed camp model. Would have helped to have agenda ahead of time to be able to bring more career counselors. I like the idea of a shared conference. It would be helpful to have all of the shared workshops on one day.
- I enjoyed the conference very much. John Norin was powerful.
- More info on credit deficient students. Pathways for tiny/small schools with limited offerings.
- Time to meet with area groups to discuss the main keys to break out sessions.
- Like the designated groups, plus the ability to attend all sessions.
- This format works better for access to all speakers.
- Like the rotation idea with more options. What about Tacoma/Seattle for the fall and spring conferences.
- Conference was too heavily focused on non-director information. This contest is better suited for summer conference. Major "love it" was the SBE 1599 session, but needed all of this info months ago. Super helpful and informative
- Allow people to pick their sessions. Some I would have not attended.
- Loved the color groups. Thanks!
- Structure was great with ed materials
- Liked the room rotation but would prefer tables so we can take notes. Some topics did not address all schools.

- The rotations I liked. Bring Terri T back in spring would be good.
- A lot of sessions were repeat information. Keynote was very good.
- Day 2 featured many workshops that could have been beneficial to counselors. Maybe flip days?
- I did like the format of color coding session so that there was greater chance of having seats in the breakout sessions. But allow people who have multiple people from a district to go to sessions together, instead of based on last name so they can collaborate together.
- The relevancy to my position was there. The objectives were not reflective of the topics.
- More time to work on HSBP
- Wow food was great. Holy cow. Having OSPI people was good/important. Need a couple clocks around.
- Liked the rotating sessions. Some sessions were repeats. Good venue.
- Felt the afternoon was a speedy repeat of the OSPI tech assistant. I would like to see more sessions on supporting teachers in their work.
- Good info on the changes being made in our state. It was helpful and relevant to my work.
- If continuing with counselors, have a separate track for them.
- I liked the modified ed camp format including waccer and watca.
- Rotations limit what can be presented and is brutal sitting time. More Q&A and less talking to us.
- Loved the ed camp format. More time for speakers.
- The 35 minute sessions were awesome. Allowed a variety of offerings to be discussed.
- Liked the modified ed-camp.
- Never underestimate dynamic speakers in the breakouts. John Norin was awesome.
- Good conference. Liked the structure.
- Enjoyed the 35 min sessions
- Sessions quite a bit longer each. Examples of best practices.
- liked the modified Ed-camp format idea. And the ability to see everything. Be careful of the vendor speakers.
- I liked the rotating breakouts. It was important for me to see changes in 1599 and HS and Beyond plan. I would have liked for more time devoted to this.
- Really liked the format. Might consider longer sessions.
- Dinner DOT on Monday night
- A new director crash course. FTE, Perkins
- I liked having the sessions separated
- Enjoyed how the breakout session were organized. Loved that OSPI update was presented to the whole group.
- Sorry to give the low scores. Seemed many of the sessions were not and/or loosely tied to this conference overall.
- Really enjoyed being able to attend all sessions with the format provided.
- We want sweets, cookies, etc. Great job Ross
- Love the camp rotation so we can see everyone. I felt like several sessions were just a commercial to buy their product.
- Great location and offerings.
- Liked the new format

- A little more time in the ed camp sessions.
- Modified ed camp was exceptional
- Shorten lunch to allow more time for learning-working lunch.
- Liked the new format. There was some cross over and repeat in sessions. Loved the 35 minute times, although some topics might need more time.
- Liked the format so we could attend all sessions
- Loved this conference layout for breakouts
- Maybe have a 30 minute session at the end of each round for questions w/presenters.
- Enjoyed the WA- CCER presentation
- Rooms are too tight. Chairs cannot be linked
- Instructional strategies based on research was an extreme area with a noticeable gap. Sessions were often sales-based in nature.
- I liked the new format and length of sessions.
- Need breakout for small districts.
- Please allow us to choose sessions, but sure to repeat the ones you anticipate will be full/popular.
- Open up counselor sessions to everybody.
- I liked the rotation and ed camp
- Format worked well.
- Good format but it rushed the sessions.
- This conference was amazing! I love the ed camp format even it was fast.
- It was not communicated to new folks that the business meeting was open to everyone.
- I would rather select things to go to than be assigned a group.
- Keep ed camp
- Loved the camp model
- Thank you for the format.
- Loved the new format
- Good conference. Thank you.
- Good stuff. Liked the follow the group model. Seating was an issue.
- Ed camp is a good model
- Some sessions needed to be longer
- Allow districts to be grouped together for rotation.
- 2nd day felt more like an after thought. Prefer to make a choice when listening to vendors pitch.