Title:	Teacher of the Year Luncheon
As Related To:	☐ Goal One: Effective and accountable P-13 ☐ Goal Four: Strategic oversight of the K-12
	governance system.
	☐ Goal Two: Comprehensive statewide K-12 ☐ Goal Five: Career and college readiness
	accountability. for all students.
	☐ Other ☐ Other
Relevant To Board Roles:	 ✓ Policy Leadership ✓ Communication ✓ System Oversight ✓ Convening and Facilitating
	Advocacy
Policy	None
Considerations /	
Key Questions: Possible Board	☐ Review ☐ Adopt
Action:	Approve Other
Materials	│
Included in	Graphs / Graphics
Packet:	☐ Third-Party Materials ☐ PowerPoint
	☐ FowerForm
Synopsis:	Each January, the Board honors Washington's Teacher of the Year. Teachers are invited to
	speak to the Board, followed by a shared luncheon on their behalf.
	Washington's 2015 Teacher of the Year, Lyon Terry, will be joining the Board for its January
	meeting.
	Washington's Teacher of the Year recognizes as many as 10 regional finalists selected from the
	ESDs and tribal schools. The state review committee evaluates both written applications and
	interviews prior to selecting the winner. Washington's Teacher of the Year is selected in mid-
	September and is eligible for consideration for National Teacher of the Year.
	This Year's Winner:
	Educator: Lyon Terry
	School: Lawton Elementary School
	District: Seattle School District
	Quick Mr. Terry has taught in 2 nd , 3 rd , and multi-age classrooms at Lawton Facts: Elementary since 2005. He is a teacher leader who believes that
	teachers are agents of social change. He founded Seattle's first walking
	school bus program and has been a leader at the school and district
	level on issues of writing and literacy. He is currently on a district
	committee focused on aligning reading and writing curricula with
	Common Core.

2015 TEACHER OF THE YEAR RESOLUTION

In honor of Lyon Terry, Washington's 2015 Teacher of the Year

WHEREAS, Lyon Terry has been named Washington's 2015 Teacher of the Year and the Puget Sound ESD 121 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry received his Master of Education from Portland State University and his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy at Reed College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry has taught at Lawton for nine years in 2nd, 3rd, and multiage classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry is an "action-oriented teacher leader" that believes teachers are agents of social change; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Terry has served in numerous leadership roles in writing and literacy, including serving on a district committee to align reading and writing curricula with Common Core; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Terry's time at Lawton, 4th grade writing proficiency rates on the MSP have risen over 10 percentage points;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Board of Education acknowledges the outstanding work of Mr. Terry and other exemplary educators who remain dedicated to our most important endeavor: the education of our children.

Isabel Muñoz-Colón

Chair

Ben Rarick

Executive Director

Ben Ranck