

Mission focus: Increase the number of children educated in US and world

## What do we know?

According to a survey done by the American Community Survey for the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly 6,000,000 school age children (ages 3-17) are not attending school in the United States! From our past contacts with educational leaders, there is strong interest in our mobilizing efforts to address this serious issue. When compared to our counterparts in the 15 Highly Developed Nations, the US is rated lower than all but one of these 15 countries. Compared to the 181 countries in the world on this measure, the USA has a surprisingly higher percentage of students not in school; our rate is higher than 63% of all these world nations. After sharing this information with colleagues and others, everyone has been shocked that this issue exists and is not being addressed. It is this US issue that we in WEFUSA are eager to begin addressing. We hope our actions will not only entice our nation and states to initiate addressing this mission, but perhaps it will also activate more serious conversations about the importance of educating all children in this country!

 Webpage:
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### How you can help?

- "Join" WEFUS by signing up on our website. No membership fee.
- Check out and contribute to social media sites.
- Share the information and encourage friends/colleagues to support WEFUSA.
  - No membership fees
- Become active in your state and other organizations.
  - Share your message at meetings, with groups and friends.
- Talk with political leaders and share this information.
  - Ask them to raise this question and insist on ways to reduce the number of children not in school
- Help us find some influential people who would:
  - Write a testimonial in support of this mission
  - Donate funds so we can be more effective in our action.
- Share ideas that are working in your area

### JOIN US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR ALL KIDS!

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# Ambassador Opportunity with World Education Forum - USA

SAM would like to pass along notice of an opportunity that may be of interest to some of our active or retired members. The World Education Forum - USA (WEF) is seeking an ambassador from each state, who would help promote the organization's mission of increasing the number of children who have access to public education. The WEF influences national policy decision-making on a global scale by setting standards for educational investments for all countries, and they establish relationships between schools and initiatives, programs and projects aimed at improving education.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Darrell Rud, Past President of NAESP at <u>dc11rud@gmail.com</u>.

# World Education Forum-US (WEF-US)

# State Ambassador Description of Expectations

-Serve as liaison between WEF-US and respective state organization(s);

-Disseminate information from Global WEF and WEF-US to individual members, member schools, and ambassadors (including potential members);

-Encouraging professional activity, growth in awareness of WEF & WEF-US, and coordinating/promoting membership within their respective state;

-Reach out to other educational affiliates within their state including but not limited to NAESP, NASSP, AASA, NEA/AFT, etc. to promote awareness of WEF & WEF-US;

-Work collaboratively with other educators and interested individuals in striving for continual growth of WEF-US;

-Shall report to WEF-US Board members on a quarterly basis as to growth in membership and activities within their state;

On a more frequent basis, it is hoped that State Ambassadors will share:

- personal reflections,
- new ideas to pursue, change, consider,
- concerns and/or issues that may be surfacing,
- communications that will inform WEF-US Board members in order for the Board to be supportive of the Ambassador's ideas/actions and be aware of differing needs/actions among and between the respective states;

-When selected/volunteering, planning to serve a two (2) year term as State Ambassador for WEF-US; this volunteering commitment can be renewed for additional years, as desired;

-Keep an up-to-date roster of WEF-US individual members, schools, and ambassadors; as individuals, schools, ambassadors join the network, this will be passed on to the Board of Directors in a timely manner;

-Keep an orderly record keeping system of items of importance to pass on to their successor State Ambassador and to the WEF-US Board of Directors;

-Assist with the transition to successor State Ambassadors;

-Provide information for WEF-US's website and newsletters.

-As this is the first year in the development of the role of WEF-US State Ambassador, it is expected that we will be making additions and adjustments to this Description of Expectations as needed.