

## Graduation Equity Initiative shares successes

Representatives of seven districts (Ephrata, Kettle Falls, Reardan-Edwall, West Valley, North Franklin, Manson and Rainier) met Friday (February 24) at NEWESD 101 as part of the Graduation Equity Initiative.

These districts, all presenting strong graduation rates, shared their success stories with each other and with representatives of Gonzaga University, OSPI, WSSDA, statewide ESDs and other groups.

This is the second cohort of districts with strong graduation rates to enter the process of sharing successes with other districts (cohort one included the Spokane, Sunnyside, Franklin Pierce and Kelso school districts).

Participants in the NEWESD 101 event included Drs. Chuck Salina and Suzann Girtz from Gonzaga University (top photo); and Dr. Jean Marczynski and John Custer from the West Valley School District (lower photo).

Presenters included Girtz, Custer and Debbie Newsum and Marcus Morgan from Reardan-Edwall.

Kudos to all for their success in raising graduation rates and closing the opportunity gap.



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