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NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION HOLDS COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT HIGHLIGHTING EVERETT'S ACHIEVEMENT IN EDUCATION

On Thursday, June 29th Mayor Carlo DeMaria was honored to welcome 350 aspiring educators and 400 students to the National Education Association's (NEA) Annual Community Service and Engagement event, named Leaders Empowering Grassroots Advocacy for Communities and Youth (**LEGACY**) Project.

Educators from nearly every state in the nation arrived in Everett as part of NEA's 2017 Annual Meeting and Representative Assembly, which is taking place in Boston.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "I am honored to have the NEA in Everett today as part of their National Conference. Education has always been a priority of mine and I am grateful that the NEA chose to highlight not only our achievements as a community, but especially the achievements of our younger members, who are strong advocates for education."

This year's NEA event highlighted the City of Everett's success in education and took place at Glendale Park from 8:00AM-12:00PM. The L.E.G.A.C.Y. Project is designed similar to a community fair. It highlighted and celebrated the incredible achievements and actions of the community as well as providing an engaging space for students, community members, and community organizations.

Aspiring Educators, who belong to the NEA Student Program, guided community members and visitors through several impact activities. Impact activities included a Ninja Warrior style obstacle course, signing up students for library cards, exploring a fire engine alongside local fire fighters, and a STEM project where students built balloon-powered cars.

Dignitaries from NEA and Everett Public Schools, as well as Mayor DeMaria and Senator DiDomenico, were on hand to participate in and answer questions about The L.E.G.A.C.Y. Project throughout the day.

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