Meet Kim Marquette, our assistant to the executive director, meeting and event planner, and unofficial office mom. No job is too big or too small! Whether taking care of our staff or our members, every interaction with her is a good one. Thanks for all you do for our members, our events, and our staff!

**STAFF SPOTLIGHT:**
Kim Marquette

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**Did you know...?**

Over 5.9 million school-age children (ages 3-17) in the U.S. are not attending school, according to a recent study by the American Community Survey, based on U.S. Census Bureau data and reported by World Education Forum; www.wefusa.net.

Although Washington state does not have the highest percentage, we are 43rd in the list of 52 with 11% of total school-age population not attending school in 2016.

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**RECOMMENDED READING**

**From Striving to Thriving**
How to Grow Confident, Capable Readers

AWSP is partnering with Scholastic to bring you book recommendations related to school leadership and education. Here’s your first recommendation: “From Striving to Thriving: How to Grow Confident, Capable Readers.”

Literacy experts Stephanie Harvey, president of Stephanie Harvey Consulting, and Annie Ward, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Mamaroneck Union Free School District in Westchester County, New York, demonstrate how to effectively assess and support striving readers so that they can become thriving readers. K–8 educators will learn how to use detailed, formative assessments to craft targeted, personalized instruction that enables students to find books that they love and engage in voluminous reading. This professional resource incorporates ready-to-go lessons, practices, and action steps as well as research that will help educators gain an understanding of the reading process, use strength-based performance data, and implement knowledge of high-quality instruction. The book also comes with an extensive online resource bank with downloadable assessments, “Top Ten” guides to share with parents and administrators, and video clips of reading conferences and book talks. Learn more and order at www.scholastic.com/teachers.