



## The District’s NEW MATH doesn’t add up!

The state is providing \$47 million in **new revenues** to the district in 2018-19. After the levy swap the district will net \$35 million in 2018-19. In developing the budget for the district, it appears that their math reveals only \$14 million in “permanent revenues” available for salaries. Besides insisting on paying back the ending fund balance \$2.8 million despite the balance growing beyond the budget, they also subtract the levy loss for 2018-19 AND frontload the levy loss for 2019-2020 without addressing additional new appropriations for the second year. The district still contends it cannot exceed the 3.1% cap that no longer exists because it is fully funded and no longer a “transitional” year. It just doesn’t add up!

**Other settlements around the state:** Bellevue 19.4% (Min \$53k, Max \$111k), Bainbridge Island 21.1% (Min \$54k, Max \$105k), Othello 17.2% (Min \$51k, Max \$95k).



## Show Support for a fair contract – August 14 School Board Meeting

As the bargaining process unfolds in August, the VEA is asking members and other supporters to gather at the August 14 School Board meeting wearing red to show support for a fair contract.

Please RSVP your attendance to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/23XD29T>

The VEA still has some red #MembershipMatters Tshirts in a variety of sizes – free to members. The VEA office is open (8-3 M-Th or 8-2 F), drop by to pick up your shirt. First come – first serve.

### Important Dates to Note:

**August 13** – Next bargaining session

**August 14** – School Board Meeting (Bates, 5:15 pm)

**August 15** – Bargaining session

**August 16** – All VEA member meeting 4:30 pm - Columbia River Gym



Stay in the loop via text blast.

To join the group text message:

@veame

To: 81010