

## COVID-19 Update



### District Grading Updates

The district shared a [VPS Grading FAQ](#) webpage with staff via work email this morning and will share it with families later today as well. Key items to note within this initial communication include:

#### Elementary:

- Assess student learning as not/meeting standard
- Spring report cards will reflect not/meeting standard or unable to assess

#### Middle:

- Assess student learning as not/meeting standard
- Spring trimester grades will be no/pass unless the course is a high-school credit-bearing course (see below)

#### High:

- Assess student learning as not/meeting standard
- Students will communicate by June 1 if they want no/credit or a letter grade for Spring Semester
- If not specified, no/credit is the default
- No/credit will not affect student GPAs
- Dual credit courses must use letter grades to earn college credit

VEA will circle back with VPS to clarify some items from this district guidance, including the fact that further guidance around grading from the OSPI Workgroup is still anticipated. Thank you for posing initial questions/concerns to building principal before bringing them to the attention of your Building Lead.

### Social Media Mindfulness

-Understand your professional responsibilities in “working from home” status during your respective contract hours.



-Other than perhaps a workspace-selfie, please **don't post on social media during the contract day.** Anything that could be construed as you not working or as you celebrating this time as “vacation” is unprofessional and inaccurate! VEA knows you're working hard to support students, families, and one another but we don't want the public to perceive anything less!



### VEA Survey Reminder!

Thanks to those 350+ members who have already responded! If you haven't yet, please share your experience related to VEA communications and VPS distance learning through this [quick survey \(open through Friday, 4/17 @ 12 PM\)](#). Thank you for taking the time so we can better advocate for you!

### NEA MB Webinars!

Don't forget to RSVP for one or both of these informative NEA Member Benefits webinars!



#### Make the Most of Your Union

**Membership:** April 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:15 PM. Learn how to access the 75+ programs and services developed specifically for members to save time and money, including the newest COVID-19 financial resources. RSVP [here](#).



**Federal Student Loan Debt:** May 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30 PM. Learn how to take advantage of Federal Loan Forgiveness Programs and the new NEA Student Loan Forgiveness Navigator. This will also cover the latest on federal student loans coming out of the CARES Act and the COVID-19 crisis. RSVP [here](#).

For more information on these webinars, visit [www.washingtonnea.org](#).

### Workspace Selfies in #SchoolSwag

We are all missing our students and colleagues during this time of school closures but our school spirit remains strong! Join Jennifer from Sacajawea in showing your school pride by donning your #SchoolSwag in a workspace selfie!



**Forward the photo to your Building Communication Lead to share with VEA through our Zone Structure** and we will post them to the VEA Facebook page. We hope seeing your smiling faces can help boost the spirits of our community!