

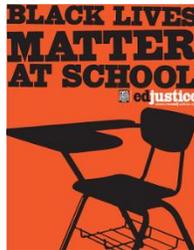
VEA Update

Black Lives Matter Action: Friday, 6/12

VEA is grateful to those members who were able to participate in the Car Rally for Black Lives, sponsored by the NAACP and YWCA Clark County this past Saturday. In continued support of students, families, and members of color, VEA will join other WEA Councils across Washington in a statewide day of action for black lives.

VEA's Equity Team, in collaboration with the VEA Executive Board, is feverishly finalizing details for a sign-waving event Friday afternoon, June 12th, from 4-5 PM (with health and safety protocols in mind)! For those unable to participate in person, there will be other options via car and social media as well.

VEA will also confirm with WEA Riverside as they solidify details for their own Friday event so VEA members might join other local educators in solidarity. More details on both events to follow!



Delayed Release of OSPI Reopening Guidance

OSPI continues to work closely with the Department of Health, the Governor's Office, and the Department of Labor and Industries to develop guidance for summer programming and fall reopening that is "actionable, helpful, and accurate." Though WEA and VEA originally expected this initial guidance to be released on Monday, **OSPI has clarified we can now expect it by the end of this week.**

VPS has already convened a number of Re-Entry Planning workgroups to develop local plans of support to align with upcoming guidance from OSPI. **VPS has agreed to have VEA and other labor groups contribute.** These workgroups will cover the topics of: Facilities/Transportation/Food Services, Student/Staff Health and Safety, Student/Staff Social and Emotional Wellbeing, Activities/Events/Attendance and Enrollment, Curriculum and Instruction, and Communications.

WA Safe Start Guidelines

While we are heartened to see Clark County's transition into Phase 2 of reopening, VEA still encourages members to take all health and safety measures seriously as we wind down the current school year. VPS' Safe Start Guidelines that came out on Friday are an enhancement to our MOU, which remains in place:

→VEA members will continue to work remotely through June 19th

→VEA members may choose to work on site, however clear health and safety guidelines are REQUIRED:

- masks to be worn
- sign-in and sign-out, attesting to no symptoms
- social distancing of at least 6 feet
- sanitizing common spaces after use.

Incompletes for High School Credit-Bearing Courses

In alignment with OSPI guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are committed to holding students harmless as we complete end of year grades. Last week, VPS shared documentation requirements with teachers of high school credit bearing courses for any student receiving an incomplete.

Thank you for first working with your principal and counselor to identify those students who will receive an incomplete. Keep in mind, an incomplete can only be issued if a student had an "F" prior to March 17th and either:

→did not engage with continuous learning for a given course after March 17th or

→did engage with continuous learning for a given course but has not yet met a majority of the standards from that course since March 17th.

If you are considering the "Next step" option of "Grade change upon demonstration of standards/competencies," please work with your principal to confirm you will either be:

→able to accommodate this prior to June 19th (our last contracted day) or

→compensated for any time required beyond June 19th to accommodate this.