

## Fall Update



### VPS School Board Meeting, 10/13

Please join us tomorrow, 10/13 at 5 PM for a VPS School Board Meeting.

Requests to make Zoom public comments can be submitted to [VPSBoard.Directors@vansd.org](mailto:VPSBoard.Directors@vansd.org) by noon tomorrow/Tuesday. Those wishing to address the Board must submit their full name and address for the record and will have three minutes to address the Board.

**Two key agenda items include:**

- ➔ Recommendation for Adoption of Resolution No. 869 Recommending Condemning Racism and Establishing the Policy Directives on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Excellence in Education
- ➔ 2020-2021 Budget Outlook

**To review the rest of the 10/13 Meeting Agenda:**

<https://go.boarddocs.com/wa/vpswa/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ATBLRG573489>

**Access the meeting via Zoom using this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88441071224?pwd=K1RTY1A1cXVpTkIUNFBKaGhGL2ZyZz09>  
(Passcode: 846059)

### Indigenous Peoples Day, TODAY!

The United States has recognized the second Monday in October as Columbus Day since President Nixon instated it as such in 1972. However, grassroots organizing and advocacy groups have proposed that it be replaced with Indigenous Peoples' Day dating back to 1977. Since then, 18 states, including District of Columbia, have either added or replaced the date with Indigenous Peoples' Day in recognition of Native people as the first inhabitants of the Americas, including lands that later became the United States of America, and to help urge Americans to rethink history.

See this [article from the Smithsonian Magazine](#) for ideas to engage with the spirit of Indigenous Peoples' Day under current



circumstances, including resources from which you might develop lessons to engage your students around more accurate histories of the Americas in relation to Native people.

### FREE Teach for Equity Event, 10/17

As part of NEA's sponsorship of NNSTOY's (National Network of State Teachers of the Year) upcoming **Teach for Equity: Reaching All Students in Turbulent Times** online session Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>, NEA has negotiated 4,000 tickets for NEA members to participate in the event, free-of-charge.

The registration link can be found at [teachforequity.eventbrite.com](https://teachforequity.eventbrite.com). Interested members should enter the promotional code "NEAEquity" when registering to avoid the \$50.00 ticket charge. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The NEA promo code will become void after 4,000 tickets are issued. Please note: Registration closes next Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.



### 3 Weeks until the Election: How Can I Help?

**Tuesday, 10/13:** Join other SW WA educators for a Labor "Fun Bank" to encourage fellow union members in SW WA to vote for pro-labor candidates like Carolyn Long (3<sup>rd</sup> CD), Daniel Smith (17<sup>th</sup> LD) and Tanisha Harris (17<sup>th</sup> LD)! [Register here](#) to volunteer from 5-7 PM! Options for other dates are listed as well!

**Saturday, 10/17:** Join other WEA members for a Text Bank to encourage fellow educators to vote for our pro-public education and pro-labor candidate Chris Reykdal (OSPI)! [Register here](#) to volunteer from 10 AM-1 PM!

**Sunday, 10/18:** Join friends and neighbors for a No-Knock Lit-Drop to encourage voters in the 17<sup>th</sup> legislative district to vote for our pro-public education and pro-labor candidates Daniel Smith (17<sup>th</sup> LD) and Tanisha Harris (17<sup>th</sup> LD)! [Register here](#) to volunteer from 1-4 PM!

