

COVID-19 Update



SPED Facts

VEA discussed the SPED Admin's Q&A document (see

attached) with the district on Monday. It was intended to clear up confusion and clarify VPS' approach to follow OSPI guidance, found [here](#).

- * You **DO** need to be available and ready to your normal contract hours beginning March 25.
- * You do **NOT** need to record your lunch and/or planning time.
- * You **DO** need to identify office hours to help "ensure there are real-time opportunities for [family] questions and concerns to be responded to and needs addressed.
- * Related Service Providers **DO** need to complete Medicaid billing by March 27.
- * You **DO** need to make initial contact with families March 25-27 to determine the best means of communication and delivery of skills maintenance resources beginning after spring break.

Please reference the Q&A document and contact your Area Manager with any questions or concerns.

Student Loan Relief



The US Ed Department directed all student loan servicers to grant at least 60 days of relief to any borrower who requests it. Borrowers must contact their loan servicer online or by phone. Unfortunately, this is not guaranteed to help those who are making payments in order to seek Public Service Loan Forgiveness or those already enrolled in a repayment plan. NEA is advocating to address those additional issues in the next COVID-19 relief legislative package. [Send a message to Congress](#) to pass a COVID plan that benefits workers and those who need it the most.

Contact the FCRC!

The Vancouver community is so fortunate to have the level of support and expertise provided by our Family-Community Resource Center Coordinators (FCRCs)! If you are aware of families who have specific needs our Family and Community Resource Centers could help address during the school closure, please direct them [here](#) to find the name and contact information for each school's Coordinator. They are checking voicemails often and will respond as they are able!



Enrolled in SEBB's Life Insurance?



The SEBB Program provides life insurance to all SEBB benefits-eligible school employees. Eligible school employees are automatically enrolled in basic life and AD&D insurance coverage, even if you've waived medical coverage. To **enroll your eligible dependents in supplemental life and AD&D insurance**, you must elect employee supplemental life and AD&D insurance for yourself. Confirm you're enrolled online using the [MetLife MyBenefits portal](#).

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Honor Governor Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" Order, but please consider purchasing online gift cards/certificates from or writing a positive review for [these local businesses](#) who supported VEA members during the 2018 Strike! Let us know if we missed one and we'll do our best to update this list!