

## COVID-19 Update



### Support and Solidarity



Among the many events canceled under current

circumstances, the WEA Rep Assembly was one. WEA RA is an annual convention we elect VEA delegates to attend and represent VEA alongside other local delegations from around the state. The work of the assembly helps direct the work of WEA into the next year. The silverlining of this cancelation is that it freed up **funds from our VEA budget to disburse in response to community needs during the COVID-19 crisis.**

VEA recognizes the challenging work set before us with continuous learning and we were proud to negotiate to keep VEA members economically whole. We recognize, however, not all members of our community share that experience and many members of our community already experienced hardships prior to this change in circumstances. In an effort to **support local families**, VEA was proud to donate \$1000 each to the [Clark County Food Bank](#) and [Share Vancouver](#). In an effort to show **support and solidarity to working people locally and across Washington state**, VEA was also proud to donate \$1000 each to [Labor Community Services, Inc.](#) and the [Foundation for Working Families](#).

As you are able, please consider donating to these or to other community organizations during this difficult time. In addition, if you have other suggestions for VEA to consider contributing to, please share them with your Building Communication Lead!



### VEA Survey: Last Call!

Thanks again to those 400+ 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 TODAY @ 12 PM**). Thank you for taking the time so we can better advocate for you!

### Q&A with VEA

VEA is grateful to our Building Communication Leads and Zone Leaders for doing a fabulous job of supporting members during the school closure - sharing updates with VEA membership and forwarding questions you may have up our chain of communication to get your questions and concerns answered!

In addition to this communication structure, VEA would like to invite any interested VEA member to **join us for our first session of "Q&A**



**with VEA" via Zoom on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 4:30 PM.** Please [RSVP using this link](#) and share any question or concern you'd like to see addressed during the meeting and VEA will do our best to create an agenda that follows the direction of member inquiries! In response to your RSVP, VEA will share access details to the Zoom call. See you then!

### Elementary and Middle School HUB Submissions

Through the week of April 24th, the Elementary and Middle School Learning Plans (reviewed by VEA and communicated through VPS) indicated educators would submit their grade level team plan or individual "lessons" to admin by Tuesday of each week for those "lessons" and other resources to go live for families on Wednesday of each week. This district-wide approach provides families with predictability and consistency, especially if they have children who attend at multiple schools in VPS; it provides this for educators at multiple buildings as well. If members express interest in changing to a Friday submission date to go live Monday for families, a staff-wide vote following SBLT chapter 15 procedures is required according to contract. **If your building has made a change without a vote, please work with admin, SBLT co-chair(s) and reps to hold a vote ASAP and contact VEA if support is needed.**