

COVID-19 Update



New Phone Service via District Laptops

VPS has enabled a service that allows you to make phone calls from your district laptop! This service allows you to call and receive calls from families without using a personal phone (similar to Google Voice or other services). VEA strongly recommends you consider this service over calling from a personal phone and merely using *67 to mask your phone number. This service is also more secure than using a personal account for Google Voice.

Members received instructions to activate and set-up your respective RingCentral “phone lines” on Friday via work email (look for a message from Steve Bratt in IT) in addition to an activation email directly from RingCentral.

Freedom Foundation Court Case

You should be aware that WEA and other public sector unions are in a court case against the Freedom Foundation, which has sought information from school districts regarding place of work and birthdates of WEA union members.

The WEA has been able to secure a temporary order prohibiting the release of that information until May 15 to provide time for our members who have some type of protective order, or can otherwise assert, that they or a family member have been a victim of sexual abuse, domestic violence or stalking, to act to protect their information and personal or family safety.

WEA has collected those names and provided them, confidentially, to school districts so they can remove protected people from the lists they release to the Foundation. The VEA notified VPS that they can't release any lists before May 15. We will keep members updated as the court case continues proceeds.

NEA Member Benefits 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 30th 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 7th 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](#).



#ShoutOut to our VPS DLCs!

Our shift to providing continuous learning to students as we work from the safety of our homes has been understandably challenging. VEA members are grateful for the teaching and technology collaboration and support provided by our VPS Digital Learning Coaches, now more than ever!



You can still request direct DLC support using [this form](#) or you can view recordings of past help sessions on a number of topics related to remote learning [here](#).