

## COVID-19 Update



### Schools Closed, We're Open

Yesterday afternoon, Governor Inslee made the difficult decision to leave schools closed through the remainder of the '19-'20 school year. Heartbroken but healthily, VEA will press on with distance learning through June

19th. We miss our students, we miss one another, and we miss the model of education we've worked hard to craft and improve through our years of service in Vancouver schools!

The VEA has full confidence in the passion, skill, and creativity of our membership! Let your passion shine through the communication you share with students and families! Showcase your individual skills as you collaborate remotely with colleagues, knowing we are stronger together! Bring your creativity to the innovative approaches you have and will continue to discover to benefit the educational experience of your students during this crisis. Together, let's remain open to making this work!

#HeartbrokenButHealthy #StrongerTogether  
#OneDayAtATime



### Don't Forget the IT Laptop Survey!

As VEA members prepare for week one of distance learning, the VPS IT team is preparing for this summer's deployment of updated educator and classroom technology. As part of their planning process, they need your feedback on a few key questions concerning new laptop features.

Between now and Wednesday, 4/8, please take this quick survey to support their planning:

<https://bit.ly/vpsteacherlaptop>

### WEA's Certification PD



The WEA has expanded its online training options to include four topics of certification and licensure! See [this flyer](#) for dates and times to participate in **Certification 101, ESA Certification 101, Professional Growth Plan (PGP) and/or National Board Information Session** trainings. To register for one or more of these courses, please visit this [WEA webpage](#).

Clock hours will be provided and courses are free. Registrants will receive the Zoom link at the completion of their registration. Within 24-48 hours of the course start date, participants will receive an email with additional Zoom/Course information.

WEA will provide additional online trainings in the area of certification and licensure in May, in addition to the weekly Special Education offerings. We are still waiting to hear of online PD offerings in the areas of Cultural Responsiveness and STEM. Stay tuned!

### Donate to Support Working Families



Labor's Community Service Agency, Inc. will be on the front lines serving Oregon and SW Washington's working families

through loss of stability and income during the Coronavirus pandemic. In solidarity, [please consider donating](#) to help make a dent in the overwhelming need dislocated working families face. Your donations would provide housing assistance, emergency childcare, food resources and more. Some of the workforce your donations would provide assistance to includes: janitors, maintenance workers, housekeepers, home healthcare workers, stagehands and theater workers, bus drivers, and many more.