

COVID-19 Update

Multilingual/EL Guidance from OSPI

OSPI has prepared a new [downloadable guide](#), "Supporting Multilingual/English Learners During School Closures." The 26-page guide discusses best practices and implementation strategies, in addition to providing multiple resources around:

- system readiness,
- family communication,
- student engagement,
- meaningful access,
- social-emotional supports,
- equity tools,
- online resources and more.



You can also register for a 2-part webinar on May 8:

At 9 AM, OSPI will review the guidance for supporting multilingual/English learners.

At 10 AM, OSPI's Title I Part C Migrant Education Program staff will share program updates, reminders, technical assistance and timelines for program activities. To register, [click here](#).



Phone Service via District Laptops Update

You'll recall VPS 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. However, **it does not have voicemail capability**. VEA strongly recommends you consider this service over calling from a personal phone and merely using *67 to mask your phone number. Still, it is up to your professional discretion whether you open the app and leave it open for part or all of your workday in order to catch as many calls from families as you're able.

International Workers Day – Solidarity

In honor of working people and the labor movement, we celebrate International Workers Day on May 1st of each year. **As a show of solidarity, thanks for considering [boycotting these businesses today](#).**

Take a stand with striking workers advocating for PPE, hazard pay, and other elements to ensure safe working conditions and more reasonable workloads during this crisis!



Local Discount

A local Freshii franchise owner is looking forward to serving VEA members during these crazy times with a promo code for 10% off when ordering through the "Freshii Orders" app.

- Download the app – Freshii Orders
- Register and add your order to "My bag"
- Enter the promo code **FRESHIIWFHAPP3** and hit "Apply" to receive 10% off the entire order

This promocode is good May 1-May 31. The code **FRESHIIWFHAPP4** will be good June 1-June 30.



VEA Appreciates You!

In honor of Educator Appreciation week next week, VEA is excited to raffle off, announce, then mail gift cards from local businesses to 60 of our hard-working members! **We will announce 20 winners Monday from among Bay, Fort, and JPC Zones, 20 more Wednesday from among River, Skyview, and VSAA Zones, and a final 20 Friday from among all six zones!** Keep a lookout for your name in the VEA COVID Updates next week to win! Thank you to all of you for your service of students, families, and colleagues!