

VEA Update

Reopening Schools Survey

You may have already seen a link to this [survey](#) from WEA to bring Vancouver perspective to the [OSPI taskforce](#) as they continue to collaborate around guidance for reopening schools next fall. If you haven't already responded, please do so! Not only can this help inform decisions made at the state level, WEA will share those [survey](#) responses from Vancouver EA members with VEA leadership to help inform our local negotiations with VPS.



Thank you again for taking a few minutes to [take this brief survey](#) so we can ensure a strong educator voice in upcoming decisions!



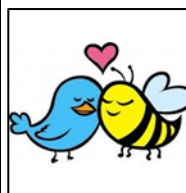
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Starting a Family Webinar – Last Call!

Monday, June 1st from 4:30-6:30 PM, VEA is excited to host a free workshop for members and their significant other on how to prepare and plan for pregnancy and maternity/paternity related leaves. This will also cover information about other available resources you may want to consider when starting a family!

Workshop Topics: Maternity, Paternity, and Adoption Leave; FMLA Benefits; SEBB/Insurance Changes; Standard Insurance Extended Leave; VEA Contract and Shared Leave Provisions; Counseling Resources for your Transition; Financial Planning Member Benefit; VEA Member-to-Member Shared Experience; NEA Member Benefits.



If you plan to start a family, don't miss this workshop! **Please [RSVP](#) by TODAY to receive the zoom link.** Contact Cindy Brown at 360-607-7697 or cbrown@washingtonea.org with any questions.

Pension Plan Overview and Retirement Preparation

Do you have questions about your Washington State pension plan or need assistance in determining if you are on track to retire when you want to? [Register here](#) for this **free member benefit** workshop on **Thursday, June 11th, starting at 4:30 PM**, to learn more about the following key topics:

- TRS and SERS Plan 2 and Plan 3
- 403(b) and 457(b) - optional retirement savings plans available in your districts
- Social Security
- Retirement Health Care Options: Medicare, PEBB
- Resources

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VEA has exclusive access to the [Columbia Sportswear Employee Store](#) from May 29th – June 21st only!

Below are some of the precautions they will take to ensure safety while in the employee store:

- Sanitizing checkout surfaces between each customer
- Sanitizing fitting rooms between each customer
- Providing hand sanitizer for shoppers and employees
- 6' marked checkout lines for social distancing
- Limiting number of customers in the store
- All employees will be wearing face coverings