

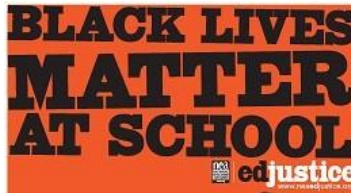
## VEA Update

### Black Lives Matter Action: TODAY!

In continued support of students, families, and members of color, VEA will join other WEA Councils across Washington in a statewide day of action for black lives.

VEA's Equity Team, in collaboration with the VEA Executive Board, has finalized details for an event **today, June 12th, from 4-5 PM (with health and safety protocols in mind)!**

Please see our [FLYER](#) for details around how you can join us for direct



action **at the corner of Mill Plain Blvd and E. Reserve St. (just south of Hudson's Bay HS) for a VEA Sign-Waving Event!** If you're unable to join us, again, please see our [FLYER](#) for a number of other ways to participate!

VEA has also confirmed that other WEA members from SW Washington will participate in a similar event further east along Mill Plain through 6:30 PM. VEA encourages members to join fellow educators out east at the conclusion of VEA's event in further solidarity! Please see [THEIR FLYER](#) for further details.

Thank you again for your commitment to racial and social justice for our students, colleagues, and community – see you this afternoon!

### VEA's Call for Racial Justice

The VEA was heartened to see yesterday's news release presenting some of VPS's explicit steps forward with a focus on equity. Through ongoing conversation with our VEA Equity Team and Executive Board, we were also eager to share a specific [CALL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE](#) in VPS, presented to VPS School Board Directors and Superintendent Webb yesterday via email as well.

VEA looks forward to collaborating with VPS, alongside other key stakeholders, through intentional dialogue and transparent communication moving forward. Thank you to VEA members for your sharing the commitment to doing better for Vancouver students, colleagues, and our greater community!

### Reopening Guidance from OSPI



Yesterday, OSPI released [GUIDANCE](#) for opening schools this fall. You may have already seen [WEA's FAQ REFERENCE](#) to better understand the details within.

The OSPI guidance, paired with that from the [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH](#) and [LABOR AND INDUSTRIES](#), provides broad parameters for opening schools in a way that protects the health and safety of students and staff and recognizes a hybrid model of in-person and remote experience may be necessary. **This guidance will inform the Re-Entry Planning Groups VPS has convened as well as upcoming negotiations between VEA and VPS around respective impacts on working conditions and workload.**

Health, safety and equity remain VEA and WEA's top concerns as we plan for the 20-21 school year. We will fight to ensure that VPS fully implements health and safety requirements, with the staffing levels to do so. And, we will work with members to elevate practical and achievable best practices to better reach those students for whom the current remote learning system has not worked.

### Ongoing Professional Development Opportunities

[WEA Certification PD](#), including ESA Certification 101, PGP Sessions 2 & 3, NBCT Info Sessions (Free to members)

[WEA self-paced PD](#) to complete by August 31<sup>st</sup>, including STEM, De-Escalation, Inclusionary Practices, TPEP 101 and TPEP Evidence and Artifacts (Free to members)

Online book studies through Teacher Study - see our [April 10th issue](#) for more details (Free to members)

[eLearning for Educators](#) through The Evergreen State College covering a range of topics around serving students with disabilities (Cost varies but may be reimbursed through application for individual PD funds)