

VEA Update

Remote Teaching and Learning Surveys



Today VPS emailed a final reminder for VEA members to respond to the educator [Teaching and Learning Survey](#). If you haven't already, please do so **by Friday, June 5th at 12 PM** - share your experience during the school closure to better inform any approach to distance learning in the future!

VPS has already collected and analyzed over 5,000 survey responses from families across our K-12 system. According to VPS, families would appreciate greater uniformity of practices and expectations, including:

- Greater consistency/coherency of instruction and accountability
- Fewer apps and platforms to manage
- More video conferencing (Zoom most popular for learning and check ins)

COVID Status in Absence Management

Thank you again for your patience with any confusion created by Monday's email from VPS HR regarding COVID-19 related entries into the Absence Management system. VEA discussed HR's plans to **collect data around what capacity or lack of capacity we might have to host in-person work/programs before our current MOU expires August 31st** and they chose to use the Leave Categories we negotiated as part of our current MOU to collect this information. Unfortunately, VEA did not have an opportunity to preview the message before it was released.

VEA sent out a [clarification email](#) of our own to member home email addresses yesterday just before the 3 o'clock hour. It included a link to an [FAQ doc](#) to help clarify any lingering questions you may have about this request. Please:

1. reference these two resources to address any questions you may have. Then,
2. bring any lingering questions to your VEA Building Lead so VEA leadership can support you with any further clarification.

Reopening Schools Workgroup Update



You likely saw yesterday's update from WEA President Larry Delaney regarding progress made within the OSPI Reopening Schools Workgroup.

We now anticipate their initial report, including DOH and L&I requirements and recommendations, **to be released Monday, June 8.**

Though further details have yet to be finalized, President Delaney did share some general conclusions for members to be aware of:

- we will not return in the fall under the same distance learning model we currently have in place
- most students will not return to a Monday through Friday, full school day schedule
- school will be some kind of hybrid model with both in-school and distance elements.

Upon receipt of those state guidelines, VEA and VPS will begin negotiations around how these guidelines are put to work in our schools.

Next week, VPS will also begin convening a Re-Entry Plan Workgroup to discuss local elements related to academics, student and staff support, operations, and communication.



Really miss having Co-workers

