

## Summer Update

### Re Entry Planning Update

Following a Q&A with VEA Rep Council last week, VEA shared an [FAQ document](#) through our Communication Structure based on what responses we do have at this time.

Late last week our VEA Bargaining Team also shared a draft MOU with VPS Admin last week as well to give VPS an idea of what elements members have asked us to prioritize in their survey responses up until that point. We do realize, however, much has changed since VEA released our survey back in late June. As a result, **we are crafting an second survey to release this Friday in order to gauge member perspectives are at this time.**

VEA, VAESP, SEIU and VAPA representatives will meet remotely with VPS Admin this afternoon to review their current draft of plans for reopening and to pose questions and provide further input. Along with the survey link we plan to share Friday, keep watch over home email for further updates based on today's meeting as well.

Once again, VEA and WEA will maintain our priorities around racial and social equity, flexibility and support, health and safety, and economic security and jobs throughout the negotiation process. We are eager to work with other labor groups as a unified voice for staff and students and will keep VEA members up to date as this work continues to unfold!

### Take Action for the August Primary!

2020 is a BIG election year and the August Primary Election is right around the corner. Our mail-in ballots should begin arriving this weekend, so be sure to check out the pro-public education and pro-labor candidates we've [endorsed for 2020, here!](#)

Two key local candidates to consider supporting are [Tanisha Harris](#) and [Daniel Smith](#), both running for legislative positions in the 17<sup>th</sup> LD.



If you're interested and willing, we'd love to have you join us for any of the following upcoming events to support endorsed candidates and Get Out the Vote:

[Register here](#) for Saturday, 7/18 @ 10 AM: Mask up and start at Heritage High School for a quick walk-through before distributing candidate literature in a socially-distant format.

[Register here](#) for Saturday, 7/25 @ 2 PM: Call WEA members to remind them to vote and consider WEA-PAC endorsed candidates

Other campaign events for both Tanish Harris and Daniel Smith can be found on their respective webpages!

### Financial Wellne\$\$: Virtual Workshop Series

Cassie Johnson, with AIG/VALIC, invites VEA members to attend a series of educational workshops on how to gain control of your finances. Workshops will run through Webex, conducted by knowledgeable professionals from AIG Retirement Services. From 9 AM to 10 AM, respective topics per workshop can be found below:

**July 16th - Emotions and Your Money:** 5 costly mistakes investors make & how to avoid them

**July 23rd - Retirement Planning & WA DRS Overview (1.5hr):** Social Security, Healthcare (Medicare & PEBB) & TRS and SERS Plan 2 & 3

**July 30th - Social Security and Your Retirement:** Social Security & Healthcare (Medicare)

**August 6th - Financial Wellness:** Cash Management & Debt Reduction

**August 13th - Your Retirement Plan: The Basics:** TRS and SERS Plan 2 & 3 – Which is right for you? & 403(b) and 457(b) plans

[Click Here to Register!](#)