

Summer Update

VEA's 2nd Survey for Member Input

Thank you to those who have called and emailed with additional input and questions based on current community experience with COVID and a desire to begin planning for this fall – a lot has changed around us since we reached out with our first survey in June!

Please respond and encourage your colleagues to respond to this [2nd Reopening Survey from VEA](#) to



inform current discussion and upcoming negotiation with VPS. Your feedback will continue to help guide subsequent agreements around reopening. **All responses will remain anonymous.**

Free Support with Canvas & Seesaw

Regardless of our reopening model, we know many members are seeking further support with learning management systems. In addition to professional development we anticipate from VPS, the Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession's (CSTP) has organized **free help from experienced local teachers to help you with Canvas and Seesaw**. The CSTP project seeks to build up teachers' knowledge, skills, and confidence to adeptly navigate the district's LMS' and provide instructional design and strategies in continuous and distance learning models. To access this:

→ Join the Ask-A-Teacher Help Desks [Facebook pages](#) and/or follow them on Twitter accounts @CanvasWA @SeesawWA #TeacherTechWA

→ Or submit a question through [this form](#)

→ Monitor the [project home page](#) for updates in early August, including LMS

Resource Guides and Asynchronous Modules on Instructional Design for Distance Learning!



Don't forget the amazing [resources and trainings our VPS DLCs have developed](#) to support us as well!

VEA Listening Sessions – RSVP

We may not have all the answers yet but we value member voice and your questions and suggestions will continue to inform our discussions with VPS and formal negotiations once they begin as well! Join us for one of the following VEA Listening Sessions next week and help us build an agenda around your questions/suggestions:

Special Education Listening Session

Wednesday, July 22nd

2:30-3:30 PM via Zoom

[Click here to RSVP](#)

General Education Listening Session

Thursday, July 23rd

2:30-3:30 PM via Zoom

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Re Entry Planning Update

VEA, VAESP, SEIU and VAPA (principals) representatives met remotely with VPS Admin this week to review their current draft of plans for reopening and to pose questions and provide further input. Though only minor updates came out of that meeting, you can find those in red text within the [FAQ document](#) VEA shared with you last week.

In addition to crafting a second survey to gauge member perspectives since our last survey (link shared above), VEA advocated for VPS to resurvey staff and families as well. Mike Stromme confirmed VPS plans to do so.

While VEA and VPS are in the process of scheduling time to negotiate our MOU the week of July 27th, VEA is advocating that VPS would communicate as much detail (that isn't subject to bargaining) as possible regarding the reopening schools with health and safety in mind ASAP! We know members and families are eager for direction to begin planning accordingly!