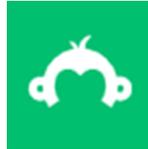


Summer Update

REMINDER: VEA's 2nd Survey

With nearly 800 responses to date, we still look forward to additional input from members who've yet to respond to our [2nd Reopening Survey from VEA](#). We hope to share a summary of member response data in Wednesday's VEA Update based on those that have arrived by Tuesday, 7/21 @ 3 PM.

The survey will remain open until Friday, 7/24 @ 12 PM to accommodate those unable to respond by Tuesday. Thank you again for helping us inform current discussion and upcoming negotiation with VPS. VEA is advocating for



REMINDER: VEA Listening Sessions

Join us for one of the following VEA Listening Sessions this week! We may not have all the answers yet, but we value member voice and will build each 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](#)

Updates from VPS

Kindergarten Jumpstart/1st Grade Learning Launch: Neither of these enrichment experiences will take place in August as planned. According to Debra Hale, Executive Director for Elementary, "the decision was made out of an abundance of caution for the safety of staff and students, and has been made in light of how things have evolved with the COVID-19 situation. It was a difficult decision because Jump Start has been so very successful for our littlest learners and their teachers, but these are difficult times. We'll find a new way to do things."

2nd VPS Survey of Staff and Families: Please check your work email beginning Wednesday this week for a link to a second survey from VPS related to your level of comfort with potential scenarios for this fall. If you are also a parent of a student(s) in the district, please also check home email for a parent survey link and respond to it as well!

WEA Town Hall, 7/23 @ 1 PM

Join us live via YouTube this Thursday, 7/23 @ 1 PM for a virtual WEA Town Hall, using [this link](#). President Larry Delaney and other WEA Staff will discuss COVID-19 and the return to education at the start of the school year.

2020 WEA HCR Online Equity Conference

Register now for this year's Human & Civil Rights Conference, focused on "Equity: Transforming into the New Normal." Sessions for certificated members will be held Aug. 3 and 5 ([register here](#)), in addition to an optional breakout session on Aug. 4 ([register here](#)) focused on implicit bias-race.

Aug. 3, 8:30 AM-12:15 PM: Keynote speaker - Dr. Joseph Johnson Jr., executive director of the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) at San Diego State University; debrief and discussion follows.

Aug. 4, 9 AM-12 PM: Implicit Bias - Introduction and Race and Ethnicity (optional breakout session)

Aug. 5, 8:30 AM-12:15 PM: Student Voices - breakout sessions follow. Participants select from one of the following:

- Creating Safer Spaces for LGBTQ Youth
- SEL for ESA
- Relationship Building "Online Classroom Meeting"
- Addressing Race and Trauma through Social Emotional Learning in the Classroom
- Labor History and How It Impacts Today's Students
- Powerful, Positive Meaningful Relationship Building During a Pandemic – Secondary