

## Summer Update

### WEA joins VEA in Push for Continuous Learning 2.0

After diligent work from both the WEA Executive Committee and WEA Board this week, WEA has submitted a [public letter](#) to the Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction calling for a safe and equitable approach to start to the upcoming school year, focusing on a new and improved version of Continuous Learning 2.0. This letter from the state level, in addition to the [public letter](#) VEA had the opportunity to sign on to (in collaboration with WEA Riverside, SW WA LULAC and the Vancouver NAACP ), has also been shared with Dr. Webb, Mike Stromme, Kathy Everidge and the VPS School Board to make our position clear.

### Planning for Continuous Learning 2.0

As VEA continues to advocate for starting under a continuous learning 2.0 model this fall, we will also continue advocating for access to professional development this August to better prepare to serve students and families remotely.

VPS confirmed one such training will revolve around the use of teacher landing pages in Canvas, districtwide. The purpose behind these landing pages is to provide centralized and uniform student and family access to a teacher’s weekly remote learning activities. While teachers may develop the activities in programs outside of Canvas, including Seesaw and Google Classroom, they will be linked to a teacher’s landing page to be centrally accessible. We anticipate more VPS communication around this topic the first week of August.

In the meantime, don’t forget these [Remote Learning Resources](#) developed by our hard-working DLCs as well as [resources](#) from the Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession we shared in a previous VEA Update.

### Hard at Work on Your Behalf

VEA leadership, including our VEA Bargaining Team, has been hard at work on behalf of membership since late June preparing for this school year. In late June and early July, your bargaining team met virtually on five separate occasions to craft a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to share with VPS in an attempt to solidify protections and safety protocols for our members.

After submitting a demand to bargain and that draft MOU to VPS Admin on July 8th, we have engaged in ongoing discussions with VPS admin around VPS re-entry committee work and the changing community landscape despite no formal response from the district to our draft MOU. VEA leadership has also met with leaders from other VPS labor groups, including VAESP, SEIU, and VAPA to establish shared priorities and common concerns. VEA is still awaiting firm dates and times to begin formal negotiations with VPS, now pushed back to the first week of August.

Thank you for continuing to monitor your home email for further VEA updates! We are working feverishly to adjust our advocacy according to reports from the Department of Health, member responses to the [second VEA survey](#) (closes at noon today), member input from this week’s listening sessions and the countless phone calls and emails we receive from individual members as well!

### Parking Lot Educator Phone Bank

[RSVP here](#) to help us encourage educator support for WEA-PAC endorsed candidates Tanisha Harris and Daniel Smith in the 17th LD!



Mask up and meet us in the parking lot outside of Seize the Bagel (13215 SE Mill Plain) with your cell phone fully charged to make educator phone calls from your car! We will share an educator contact list and script to guide your conversation about these pro-education and pro-labor candidates! Then, treat yourself to \$5 at Seize the Bagel on us as a thank you for your time and effort with this member outreach!

Encourage your colleagues to join you by sharing this [Facebook event](#) as well!