

## Summer Update

### Health Care Provider Documentation

Approximately 30% of VEA members identify as high-risk according to our newest survey responses. If you fall into one of the high-risk categories, we recommend you secure documentation from a health care provider. This documentation might include:

- details your doctor deems pertinent to your respective condition
- specific limitations your condition may require with regard to your work and
- work alternatives/accommodations your doctor requests of your employer (eg. remote work assignment).



Once secured, you can submit documentation to VPS HR to hold on file for you. VEA will continue advocating for the health and safety of all members, including the possibility for remote work assignments for high-risk members whenever on-site work is set to begin.

### SW WA Educators United

Are you interested in networking with other local educators around issues that matter to you? Check out this [Facebook Group](#) where a number of VEA colleagues are already engaging in book studies and discussion around social and racial equity as well as discussion around a safe return to school this year.

In addition to their Facebook Group, you can respond to this [Google Form](#) if you are interested in being added to an email list to work with other local educators specifically around a safe return to school.



### VEA Specialist Listening Session

If you identify as a Specialist (eg. VAPA, Teacher Librarian, TOSA, etc.), please join us for our 3rd Listening Session this Thursday! We may not have all the answers yet, but we value member voice and the bulk of the agenda will stem from member questions and suggestions:

#### Specialist Listening Session

Thursday, July 30th

2:30-3:30 PM via Zoom

[Click here to RSVP](#)

### VEA's 2020-2021 NBCT Cohort

VEA is excited to announce NBCT VEA members Carol Patrick and Rocky Lahti will facilitate this year's VEA NBCT Cohort! If you plan to pursue your National Boards this school year, consider joining our cohort for the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues and receive guidance from our experienced facilitators. For further details, see the registration letter and cohort meeting information [here](#).

To participate, please respond to [this survey](#) to secure your place in the cohort using the necessary information. Priority deadline is September 23, 2020. You may register up until the day prior to the first meeting. Then, complete and submit the [registration form](#) found under the documents tab of the VEA website. Finally, submit your \$100 registration fee (if you are new to the VEA NBCT Cohort this year) to the VEA office at 2509 Broadway Street – Vancouver, WA 98663. Checks are to be payable to VEA or schedule an appointment with [cbrown@washingtonea.org](mailto:cbrown@washingtonea.org) to pay by credit card.

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