

Summer Update

Aug. 4th VPS School Board Study Session

Join us and listen in on this Tuesday's VPS School Board Study Session when they will discuss reopening school this year and the recommendation to begin with a Continuous Learning 2.0 model!

Tuesday, August 4th
5:00 PM via Zoom

[Access the meeting with this link](#)

If you'd like to make a Zoom public comment, submit your request to VPSBoard.Directors@vansd.org by noon on August 4th. Be sure to submit your full name and address for the record. Public comments for the study session must pertain to topics on the agenda.

You can find the full meeting [agenda here](#).

Proposed PD for Distance Learning 2.0

Our amazing VPS Digital Learning Coaches are working hard to develop and refine digital learning professional development materials to share with members in early to mid-August! Thus far, VPS has proposed content related to the following topics:

- Canvas Landing Pages
- Class Link (replacing Clever)
- Zoom
- New laptops (available mid-August from your building)
- New classroom technology
- Canvas (basic and advanced)
- Google Classroom (basic and advanced)
- Seesaw (basic and advanced)
- Creation Apps for PK-2 educators
- FlipGrid
- iReady
- Scribble
- WeVideo



VEA will collaborate with VPS around further details pertaining to August professional development and will update members in future VEA Updates!

Follow Up to Listening Sessions

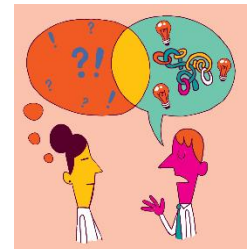
Thank you again to those who have joined us for any or all of the three VEA Listening Sessions this week and last! We are grateful for additional member input to continue directing discussion and upcoming MOU negotiations with VPS admin.

As a follow up, please see the second round of [Q&A](#) based on those questions/suggestions framed by participants from the General



Education Listening Session on July 23rd. **Pages 1-8 of the Google Doc include the most recent Q&A from the General Education session, while pages 9-14 still include Special Education Q&A.** We hope to update this same document with Q&A from the Specialist Listening Session next week as well! More details to follow!

Community Convo Talking Points



No doubt you already have (and will continue to) fielded questions and comments from family members, neighbors, and other members of the

community about reopening school this fall. Whether they ask for your opinion or offer theirs, please consider the following talking points as you engage with them:

- **Whatever the conditions, we will educate our community's children.**
- **Everyone's health matters.**
- **Remote learning is not forever.**
- **We will do our part, but the community must do theirs.**

You can review [more elaborated talking points here](#).

VEA is grateful to Ridgefield EA leadership for sharing these talking points with their members and with VEA leadership so we can all approach these conversations constructively!