

Summer Update

Re Entry Planning Update



You will recall teams of VPS staff, some including VEA members, have convened to develop initial plans for re-entry. Final committee meetings took place this week and **VEA leadership, along with that of other**

labor groups associated with VPS (eg. VAESP, SEIU, etc.), will meet remotely Wednesday, July 15th with VPS leadership to review a comprehensive report including guidance from each team.

In the meantime, your VEA Bargaining Team has continued to develop language for an updated MOU with VPS. VEA leadership also met remotely with leadership from VAESP and SEIU to identify shared priorities and avoid conflicting language as well. We shared the following [summary of VEA survey results](#) with Rep Council yesterday afternoon and are developing an FAQ document based on a number of questions posed by VEA leaders – **we will share what responses we have to those questions later this week using the VEA Communication Structure.**

Once again, VEA and WEA will maintain our priorities around racial and social equity, flexibility and support, health and safety, and economic security and jobs throughout the negotiation process. We are eager to work with other labor groups as a unified voice for staff and students and will keep VEA members up to date as this work continues to unfold!

Considering National Boards?

If you are pursuing National Board Certification this coming school year, we highly recommend you [register for the VEA's National Board Jump Start Online Seminar](#). The member cost is only \$50 and WEA is hosting two rounds this summer: July 27-31, 2020 or Aug 10-14, 2020. The seminar offers up to 30 clock hours through participation in 6 different modules, including the required "Foundations" course.

VEA is also finalizing plans for a **VEA NBCT Cohort** this school year, facilitated by Board Certified VEA members [Carol Patrick](#) and [Rocky Lahti](#). If you have questions about the cohort experience or about the certification process in general, feel free to contact them via email!



If you are still deciding, National Boards for Professional Teaching Standards is offering a series of [Core Connections Webinars](#) designed for all educators – National Board Certified Teachers, candidates pursuing certification and any other educators – throughout the month of July, including:

- Why Pursue National Board Certification
- Kicking off Your National Board Certification
- Start the Year with Self Care in Mind.

Free Special Education Online Courses

Through a partnership with The Evergreen State College and a grant from OSPI, WEA continues to offer free online courses about inclusionary practices. Learn more about the following free courses on the [eLearning for Educators](#) website:

Autism Spectrum Disorder, Classroom Assessment, Classroom Management and Addressing Challenging Behaviors, Differentiated Instruction, Evidence-based Practices, Functional Behavioral Assessment, High-Leverage Practices, Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology, Universal Design for Learning.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact elarningforeducators@evergreen.edu.