

## Summer Update

### VPS Updates

**SCHEDULES:** Either via work email or through an alert from your Building Lead, you likely saw that VPS announced their proposed schedules for elementary, middle and high schools, including magnet schools. Unfortunately, VPS held firm on their management rights to set these schedules and only agreed to allowing VEA leadership to review them and provide some nominal input. The working conditions that result from these schedules, however, are subject to bargaining.

[These schedules present what students and families can plan for.](#) While we anticipate some live instruction during each content block/period (to take attendance and to engage directly with students), synchronous instruction is not required for the full duration of a given block/period and should be paired with asynchronous work for students as well. Beyond the hours listed on the family/student schedules, our VEA contracted day start and end times will remain in place.

**MOU:** We meet with the VEA Bargaining Team and Executive Board this morning before reconvening with VPS Admin this afternoon to finalize our MOU.

**VPS TECH PD:** Please be sure to register for the "August 2020 VPS Technology Training" (Course #7304), to complete the 5 hours (district-funded) of required training at your own pace by August 25<sup>th</sup>. This course includes details related to the Canvas Landing Page PK-12 teachers will use to streamline communication of lessons and learning with students and families. Up to 3 more hours of district-funded distance learning PD is coming soon as well!

### Distance Learning PD from WEA & NEA

Through June 2021, WEA is offering a self-paced PD course titled "**Student Engagement and Management in Virtual Classrooms.**" This course provides participants background knowledge and ideas to engage students and improve learning in online and remote settings. Participants will create a plan of action to make a successful transition to online learning that includes digital literacy, communications, engagement strategies, management techniques, inclusionary practices, instructional strategies, and over 200 integrated resources for participants. Course activities and learnings are designed as a progression to help participants construct a plan for online classroom success at the start of the school year and beyond.

[Register here.](#)

Also, as a reminder, the third offering from NEA's Teacher Quality Division is still open for registration - free and exclusive to us as NEA members!



**Aug. 24: Accommodations and Scaffolding Online:** How do you support students with IEPs, English language learners, and older students with developing literacy skills in an asynchronous distance learning environment? Using Google Classroom, learn strategies for providing accommodations, scaffolds, SIOP features, and elements of explicit instruction in an asynchronous setting that support all students. [Register here.](#)

### Retirement and Financial Webinars

Cassie Johnson, our free-of-cost financial advisor through Member Benefits, invites you to attend any or all of the educational workshops titled below, conducted by knowledgeable professionals from AIG Retirement Services.

#### Your Retirement Plan at Work: The Basics (45min)

- TRS and SERS Plan 2 & 3 – Understand your options
- Overview of your district's 403(b) and 457(b) plans

#### Retirement Planning & WA DRS Overview (1.5hr)

- Social Security
- Healthcare (Medicare & PEBB)
- TRS and SERS Plan 2 & 3

#### Conquering Student Loan Debt (45min)

- Could you qualify for student loan forgiveness
- Learn strategies using a repayment plan



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Each workshop is offered on multiple dates and times to accommodate various schedules. [Click here to view full schedule and sign up.](#) And, reach out to our local financial advisor, [Cassie Johnson](#) with any questions!