

Summer Update

Updated VEA/VPS MOU Now in Effect

Thank you for your patience as [VEA solidified an MOU with VPS](#) to start the 20-21 school year, under remote circumstances! Some big rocks to note include:

- during remote instruction district-wide, all VEA members have the option to work onsite and/or remotely;
- Up to 6 hours can be paid with individual PD funds for PLC teams to collaboratively develop lessons for remote instruction (on the PD website, filter by a start date of 8/18 and look for the course affiliated with your worksite).
- Up to 8 hours of district-funded tech professional development are already underway, 5 of which are required (Course #7304) by August 25th; the other 3 are optional (Course #7323).
- VPS stood firm on their management rights to set schedules. While VEA was provided a chance to preview them and provide input, we will continue to confirm what expectations and flexibility come with each schedule to share with members.
 - While some live instruction is expected during each content block/class period, synchronous instruction is not required for the full duration and should be paired with asynchronous instruction/work.
 - Some direct instruction (either pre-recorded or recorded live without student faces/names visible) must be available daily for students/families to access from a teacher's Canvas Landing Page.
- Any changes to our working conditions not anticipated by this MOU can still be negotiated and the district will be held to a timeline for convening such negotiations.

Childcare Resources for VPS Staff

VEA is grateful to Tamara Shoup, VPS' Executive Director for Student Supports, for her outreach to community partners regarding childcare options for VPS Staff, VEA members included. Two current programs, managed and staffed by ESD 112, that members might consider are:

- [Hudson's Bay Child Care](#) will continue to be offered to teen parents (students) and VPS staff, serving children age 4-months to five years.
- **NEW!** [28th Street Early Care and Education Center](#) will offer school-age childcare in the "Old Ogden" building.

Shoup will continue ongoing outreach with other community partners to see what other programs may be offered and VEA will provide members updates as we learn more from those efforts!

Tech PD-Additional Support

Thank you for continuing to work through the **5 hours of required tech PD (Course #7304) between now and August 25th**. If you are looking for additional support, be sure to reference the [DLC August 2020 Help Session schedule](#) for Zoom help sessions geared towards New Educators, Elementary and Secondary members. below! In addition, you can use the [DLC Request Form](#) to for more individualized support.

Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated as DLCs are working overtime to support our transition into Distance Learning 2.0!

Upcoming VEA Q&A Sessions

VEA will host a Q&A session for VEA Leaders (Exec Board members and Building Reps) this Thursday, 8/20 at 4:30 PM (Zoom link arriving via home email shortly) to help field member questions.

We will also host a Q&A session for VEA members on Monday, 8/24 at 4:30 PM ([pre-register using this link](#)). Between now and then, any member questions should go through our Zone Communication Structure, beginning with your Building Communication Lead.