

Fall Update

VPS Tech PD Updates

Thanks to VEA leaders and members for providing feedback to VPS IT regarding concerns with the original deadline to complete the 5 hours of required technology PD (paid for with district funds). You may have seen via VPS email that **the deadline to complete Course #7304 has been extended to August 31st!**

The other 3 hours of optional technology PD is also paid for with district funds. That **Course #7323 remains open through September 18th**. If you are looking for further learning related to video recording, consider the modules for FlipGrid, WeVideo, and Kami (Chromebook only).

Zoom and Video Recording Tips

The Vancouver community and our School Board made the request to have video recordings available for students and families unable to engage during scheduled live instruction times. Thank you for collaborating with your PLCs to determine the best way to provide this access!

As you prepare, here are some [video recording tips and resources](#) provided by some of our Digital Learning Coaches. In addition, here are some [Zoom tips and video recording resources](#) provided by Matt Greco in the VPS IT Department.

Round 2 of MOU Negotiations

Late last week or over the weekend, your Building Lead should have notified you that VEA issued a second “Demand to Bargain” based on details VPS released around their plan to transition between modes of instruction, including the possibility of in-person instruction for small groups of high needs students. We are scheduled to return to the bargaining table this Thursday, 8/27 to negotiate the workload impacts of VPS’ plan.

With specific focus on special services impacts, we are told Daniel Bettis and Laura Bergeron, VPS Special Services admin, will contribute directly to the discussion. As this second round of negotiations proceeds, we will provide updates as we are able!

Follow Up from VEA Q&A Sessions

VEA is grateful to VEA leaders and members alike for joining one or both of the MOU Q&A sessions we hosted this week and last! Here is an updated version of the [Q&A Document](#) in response to questions from both the VEA Leader session as well as the VEA member session for all to reference!

[A recording](#) of the VEA member session can also be viewed here.

VPS Screen Time Guidance

At yesterday’s School Board Retreat, VPS shared guidance for developmentally appropriate ranges of daily student screen time. As you plan, please avoid exceeding: 90 minutes for K-2, 120 minutes for 3-5, 30 minutes per 6-12 class.

\$summer Work Rate\$ of Pay

PD and Miscellaneous Supplemental Hourly Work: Time worked on or before August 15th will be paid at the 19-20 per diem rate. Time worked on or after August 16th will be paid at the 20-21 per diem rate. New certificated staff should write “per diem” on the supplemental contract and Payroll will fill in the rate. The district is working on updating the rates in Skyward, under Employee Access.

Extended Year Contracts: Time worked on or before August 15th will be paid at the 19-20 Extended Year per diem rate. Time worked on or after August 16th will be paid at the 20-21 Extended Year per diem rate. Certificated staff who fulfill these contracts should also write “per diem” on the supplemental contract and payroll will fill in the rate. Charts outlining both types of 19-20 and 20-21 per diem rates are posted on the [VEA website](#) under the Documents tab.

Additional Childcare Resources

In addition to the two resources presented in the [VEA Update dated August 19th](#), below are details from The City of Vancouver, opening up distance learning day camps for children entering 1st through 5th grade, beginning September 8th.

- Open M-F from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Cost is \$190 a week for Vancouver residents and \$219 for non-residents
- Located at Marshall (1009 E. McLoughlin Boulevard) and Firstenburg (700 N.E. 136th Avenue) community centers
- Wifi and time and space to support access to distance learning
- [Online registration](#) is open now in addition to phone registration (360-487-7001).

Visit www.cityofvancouver.us/daycamp for additional information and registration details.