

Fall Update

VPS Hybrid Update

This past Tuesday, [Clark County Public Health announced our COVID cases per 100,000 at a level of 86.18](#) – leaving us well into the high range for COVID activity. As a result, tracking for 3 consecutive weeks (reported 10/6, 10/13, and 10/20) of moderate and/or low activity resets and the soonest we would be able to begin elementary hybrid (stage 1) would be the week of Tuesday, 10/27. To begin secondary hybrid would still require 3 subsequent and consecutive weeks with moderate and/or low activity. VPS' interpretation of CCPH guidance for schools can be found in further detail [here](#).

VPS School Board Study Session 10/6

Please join us Tuesday, 10/6 at 5 PM for a VPS School Board Study Session. They will receive public comments and review VPS' newly articulated K-5 Hybrid Transition Plan.

Requests to make Zoom public comments can be submitted to VPSBoard.Directors@vansd.org by noon on October 6th. Those wishing to address the Board must submit their full name and address for the record and will have three minutes to address the Board. Public comments for the Study Session must pertain to the agenda items. See the agenda below:

Special Board Meeting Study Session Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Zoom Public Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items
3. **K-5 Hybrid Transition Plan**
4. Adjournment

Access the meeting via Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84175896469?pwd=Ynh2MEpLRksxMUVwWk5DcTNSREt3Zz09>

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Fall Conference Clarification

Thank you to those members who've reached out to VEA for clarification regarding fall conferences under remote learning circumstances. We've confirmed the following with VPS Admin and will continue further conversations as needed:

1. Remote learning schedules will be adjusted for early release(s) (Oct 14 and 15 for secondary) and non-student days (Oct 15 and 16 for elementary; October 16 only for secondary) based on the typical VPS calendar. Nothing different has been negotiated through the 20-21 MOU, so we defer to current contract language.
2. Conferences will be scheduled with remote access in mind based on the limited number of individuals we can gather in a given location in Phase 2. We know VPS has significantly limited student and family entry to buildings thus far and we recognize there is substantial concern around the risk of high volume exposures if we were to arrange conferences comparable to the way we've always done pre-COVID.
3. At this time, Elementary Road Maps remain a requirement in alignment with Washington state's K-4 Literacy Plan. Based on the workload impact and on the potential for missing data under remote circumstances, VEA encourages you to work with your building administrator around a modified approach to these Road Maps, especially if completing some or all of them during a given conference would be helpful (to have parent input in addition to what you've been able to observe of/collect from a given student during remote learning).
4. Both middle school trimester progress and high school quarter progress reports are based on a student learning window of September 1 – September 29. For both levels, grade buckets open today, September 30 and close October 6. This common timeline is based on entry and communication in advance of October conferences. After this initial reporting period middle school will have ~30 days between buckets and high school will have ~23 days between buckets.

Goodbye September, Hello Giveaway\$!

Y'all have been working so hard to serve students and families remotely and VEA wants you to #TreatYourself on us! Congrats to the following members (names drawn at random) on your forthcoming \$25 gift card to a local Vancouver restaurant! **Please email kvannostran@washingtonea.org to confirm you'd like it inter-officed to your worksite or please confirm your home mailing address!**

David Marcus, Darrellyn Kelso, Jeffrey Venneburg, Derek Byrne, Erin Honeycutt, Royce Andrews, Tamara Barry, Rebecca Coda, Niki Vigorito, Karina Rocha, Ravinder Sandhu, Jaclynn Womack, Nadine Miller, Camille Duez, Tracie Crowley