

Fall Update

Updated Health and Safety Requirements

This past Wednesday, DOH, L&I and OSPI released updated guidance regarding [school health and safety requirements](#). In response, VEA shared our own interpretation of this guidance with VPS today. We spoke to nursing and isolation room staff, self-contained special education and ESA staff, and learning support and general education staff and how we feel their respective work corresponds with different levels of risk outlined in the guidance.

VPS responded to share their own differing interpretation. VEA is eager to revisit this topic as early next week as possible to discuss these topics further and come to an agreement that provides the greatest level of protection for our members.

We also informed VPS we would notify our membership of the following [rights you can exercise](#) should concerns arise around safety hazards and/or non-compliance:

1. Members should report any safety concerns/violations to their COVID Site Coordinator for support with remedy.
2. Members also have the right to refuse an unsafe task when it poses a danger of death or serious injury:
 - ➔ You should request an alternate task/assignment until the situation can be corrected.
 - ➔ Remain on the worksite unless approved to leave by your supervisor or your contract day ends.
 - ➔ Make a list of any witnesses and notes related to the incident.
 - ➔ Notify the VEA for assistance with next steps.
3. In addition, members have the right to file a formal claim through L&I/DOSH if those working condition issues remain unresolved:
 - ➔ Work with VEA to collaborate with district admin and/or grieve the issue and/or
 - ➔ [File a complaint with L&I/DOSH](#) – all complaints will be investigated. This can be done as a group and with the assistance of VEA.

WEA Workplace Safety Town Hall 10/5

WEA will be hosting a school workplace safety town hall to Monday, 10/5, at 4 PM to help articulate some of the details they shared with VEA leadership midweek this week and to add new details they acquired between then and Monday.

Please check your home email inbox on Sunday afternoon, 10/4, as that is when VEA will send information and the link on how to join the meeting.

VPS School Board Study Session 10/6

As a reminder, 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=Ynh2MEplRksxMUVvWk5DcTNsREt3Zz09>

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VPS Elementary Hybrid Webinar

Elementary members have been invited to a VPS staff webinar on Wednesday, 10/7 at 3:30 PM for a presentation about hybrid instruction and health and safety protocols. Questions are welcome following the presentation and the presentation, in full, will be recorded for viewing at a later time.

In addition, a VPS principal and teacher guide is under development for the purpose of providing additional detail about hybrid schedules and instructional time, as well as health and safety protocols. **Access the meeting using this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86865689605?pwd=QndmQ2JZWESiZU1EdlVlVWVpxM2RQdz09>

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