

## Fall Update

### Action Line

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### VPS School Board Study Session 10/6

As a reminder, please join us today, 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](mailto:VPSBoard.Directors@vansd.org) by noon today. 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=Ynh2MEpLRksxMUUvWk5DcTNSREt3Zz09>  
(Passcode: 097108)

### 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>  
(Passcode: 584212)

### October 9<sup>th</sup>, Optional In-Service Day

This Friday, 10/9 is a non-student attendance day as well as a non-contracted day for VEA members – you are not **REQUIRED** to work on October 9th. You **MAY** \*choose to participate in VPS-hosted PD, you **MAY** also choose to participate in other PD hosted by an outside entity, or you **MAY** choose not to engage in professional activities that day.

If you have received conflicting communication from colleagues and/or administrators regarding Friday's optional in-service day, please let VEA know so we can work with you to help clear up any misunderstandings.

### 2020 WEA PAC Endorsed Candidates

The General Election is just four weeks away and mail-in ballots should drop the weekend of October 16<sup>th</sup>!

If you haven't already reviewed the list of WEA-PAC-endorsed candidates for this election cycle, you can [find them here](#). This includes local candidates like **Representatives Wylie and Stonier** and **Senator Cleveland in the 49<sup>th</sup> legislative district** as well as state-level candidates like **Superintendent of Public Instruction Reykdal** and **candidate for Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck**.

Based on written responses to a candidate questionnaire and verbal responses to remote interview questions with a group of WEA PAC members and leaders, those who received endorsements are considered our pro-education and pro-labor candidates to consider for your vote!



**QUICK ACTION:** Update your social media photo to the image you see above by [clicking here for a JPEG](#) version. Thank you for making your support for pro-education and pro-labor candidates visible to the greater community!

### Support SW WA Priority Candidates!

Help **Get Out The Vote** for priority candidates in Southwest Washington (remotely) alongside fellow union members from the Southwest Washington Central Labor Council! Please join fellow union educators next Tuesday, 10/13 at 5 PM to call/text other union members about:

**Tanisha Harris**, candidate for State House in the 17<sup>th</sup> LD, **Daniel Smith**, candidate for State Senate in the 17<sup>th</sup> LD, and **Carolyn Long**, candidate for Congress in the 3<sup>rd</sup> CD!

[Click here to register](#) for the remote Fun (Phone) Bank event and/or consider other dates to volunteer as well!

Help distribute candidate literature in support of **Tanisha Harris for State Representative (17th LD)** and **Daniel Smith for Senate (17th LD)**! No knocking, instead we will leave information on voters' doorsteps! We'll meet safely in the Heritage High School parking lot, hand out literature packets and delivery lists, then head out from there. Please wear a mask and gloves; extra masks and gloves will also be on hand.

[Click here to register](#) for this weekend's options:  
Saturday, 10/10 @ 10 AM or @ 1 PM  
Sunday, 10/11 @ 10 AM or @ 1 PM

