

**Fall Update**

**Secondary Attendance Advocacy**

VEA is grateful to secondary reps for bringing questions and concerns around the secondary attendance-taking process to our attention. We are also grateful to Charlene Shea (Gaiser), Preston Antisdell (MAC), Jonathan Schnacky (Fort) and Linda Wilson (River) for collecting member input and articulating concerns in a collaborative session with Trish Piliado from VPS Student Welfare and Attendance and Jim Gray from VPS Secondary Education last week.

Three main areas advocacy that rose to the surface during our discussion included:

1. A Wednesday attendance-taking alternative that uses a Google Form and/or a single class period's teacher to take attendance, accounting for the full day's schedule.
2. Narrowing the 24-hour window for student contact tracking to cut off earlier to provide more time between the start of contract day and the first class of the day for final attendance from the previous school day.
3. Limiting the platforms to review for attendance (eg. Zoom and Canvas only).

VEA is awaiting further updates from VPS at this juncture and will report back to membership as soon as we are able!

**LGBTQ+ Inclusive Sexual Health Education Workshop**

VEA is grateful to WEA-Riverside, our neighboring council in SW Washington, for extending an invitation for VEA members to participate in an upcoming online workshop around LGBTQ+ Inclusive Sexual Health Education! Join fellow union educators:

Tuesday, November 10, 2020  
4:45pm-7:00pm via Zoom  
(2 FREE Clock Hours Provided)

[Read more about the objectives for this session and register here.](#) A Zoom link will be sent 24 hours prior to the workshop/event.



**The Election is TOMORROW!**  
**What can we do?**

**Tomorrow/Tuesday, 11/3:** Don't forget to mail or turn in your ballot before then! You can find a list of [WEA-PAC endorsed candidates here](#).

If you've already sent in your ballot and want to make sure it's been received, visit [vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov).



**Native American Heritage Month**

November is Native American Heritage Month and VEA challenges you to find ways to honor the experience, past, present, and emerging, for indigenous peoples.

→ Watch and engage colleagues in discussion around this NY Times mini-film ["A Conversation with Native Americans on Race."](#)

→ Join NEA in celebrating indigenous peoples by reading and sharing the elementary, middle, and/or high school book recommendations from this month's Read Across America calendar:

- [Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard](#)
- [I can Make This Promise by Christine Day](#)
- [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz](#)

→ See our November VEA Action Line Newsletter for additional resources for your consideration as well!



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- Institutional Racism and White Supremacy-Save the date
- VEBA Yearly Vote Happening Now
- SEBB Open Enrollment
- American Education Week
- Celebrating Education Support Professionals
- WEA Educators of Color Conference
- TGIF Newer Member/Rep Social
- A message from the North Pole – Stay on the Nice List
- Student Growth Goal Guidance for 20-21
- Discipline Rules for 20-21
- Columbia Sportswear Employee Store Pass
- Financial/Retirement Advice – WEA Endorsed – FREE to members

**Virtual Fall Social, Friday 11/13!**

Are you within your first 7 years of service in VPS? Come socialize with earlier-career educators and VEA leaders through one of our upcoming Virtual Socials!



*Network with fellow VEA members and leaders! [Order a meal and VEA will reimburse you up to \\$15!](#) Enter to win giveaways!*

**[REGISTER HERE IN ADVANCE TO JOIN US:](#)**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> VIA ZOOM**

**OPTION 1: 3:00-4:00 OR**

**OPTION 2: 4:30-5:30 PM**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.