

Winter Update

Hybrid & MOU Negotiations Update

VEA is grateful to those members who have reached out to VPS admin, VPS school board members and VEA leadership alike to share what's not/working with remote/small group learning, and to those who have posed questions/suggestions/requests regarding plans for hybrid learning.

VPS has issued a survey to elementary families and buildings will engage in follow up communication to confirm those who will participate in hybrid and those who will opt for full remote. Elementary admin have also surveyed staff to determine those requesting an alternate assignment or leave to determine how staff may be redesignated to full remote positions (in accordance with Section E of the MOU). As presented at the 1/12 School Board meeting, elementary admin should also be in direct communication with building staff to solicit input regarding your buildings' respective schedules.

VEA and VPS leadership met again yesterday (1/13) to continue MOU negotiations, with a focus on new information announced at the 1/12 VPS School Board meeting. VEA presented language to address member concerns with reporting onsite, synchronous instruction, cleaning/transition time, lunch supervision, and student masking. We are working as quickly as possible, recognizing the tight turn around time for kinder hybrid's start date of 1/19.

VPS is Hiring Subs: Help Spread the Word

Do you know someone who would be a great addition to the *VPS team?

VPS is hiring substitute employees in the following areas:

- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Paraeducators (instructional and special education)
- Substitute Bus Drivers

To view a complete job posting and apply, please direct them to the district website: www.vansd.org; then they should select "VPS Jobs."

If they need further assistance, please have them contact Human Resources (hrdesk@vansd.org or (360) 313-1080).

*Vancouver Public Schools is an equal opportunity district in education programs, activities, services and employment.

Thank you in advance to any members who are willing to share these details via social media or through other friend/family communication channels!

VPS & CCPH COVID Case Updates

Since CCPH no longer has the capacity to post positive cases in schools (now only posting outbreaks), VEA will attempt to provide at least a weekly update to members to include VPS cases as well as the weekly case count for Clark County as a whole.

Since January 1, 2021, VPS has reported:

Saturday, 1/2:

- 2 positive cases at Washington ES, no close contacts

Thursday, 1/7:

- positive case at Hudson's Bay HS, no close contacts
- positive case at Columbia River HS, no close contacts
- positive case at Fort Vancouver HS, close contact with staff (no students)

Friday, 1/8:

- positive case at Jefferson MS, no close contacts;
- positive case at Skyview HS, no close contacts;
- positive case at Truman ES, close contacts with staff and students, one class will learn remotely

Sunday, 1/10:

- *presumed* positive at Truman ES from 1/8 was confirmed negative

NEW! Wednesday, 1/13:

- positive case at JPC, close contacts with staff
- *presumed* positive case at Chinook ES, close contacts with students

Since January 1, 2021, CCPH has reported:

Jan 4: **324.87** cases per 100,000

Jan 11: **397.95** cases per 100,000

2021 Bargain: Specialty Group Input Sessions

VEA invites specialty member groups to join us via Zoom to further elaborate priorities specific to their specialty from 4:00 to 5:00 PM on:

TODAY! January 14th (Special Education) Register in advance for this meeting:

https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtc-uprzMoG9ac_JcioD52K4q_2eeTyW45

January 20th (ECSE) Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEud-6vrj8uEtYzNEsOdDTybLRjiBMSbePs>

January 25th (TOSAs/NEW! Deans) Register in advance for this meeting:

https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqcu2vqjOi_H9dk8En74IcGu-X_68GZZv89

January 26th (ESAs) Register in advance for this meeting:

https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvduurrz_wuH9VVJ1dB3y9usY01SHy0WP06

January 27th (EL Specialists/Dual Language) Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqf-GprzkoG9Ua3wl2Xcsiiq4Gii74Zy8k>

WEA Certification Trainings

Join other WEA colleagues in accessing certification-related PD offerings, scheduled now through March 2021! Visit the [WEA Certification PD website](#) to register for Zoom sessions for the following courses:

Certification 101: Jan 19, Feb 11 or Mar 23 from 4-6 PM

ESA Certification 101: Jan 27, Feb 8 or Mar 10 from 4-6 PM

PGPs Part 1: Jan 21, Feb 16 or Mar 24 from 4-6 PM

PGPs Part 2: Feb 4 or Feb 22 from 4-6 PM

PGPs Part 3: Mar 18 from 4-6 PM