

Winter Update

**VPS School Board Study Session:
TODAY, 1/26 @ 5 PM**

We encourage all VEA members to attend TODAY's School Board meeting, as **VPS' 6-12 Secondary Re-opening Planning will be discussed.**

Requests to make Zoom public comments can be submitted to VPSBoard.Directors@vansd.org by NOON TODAY. Citizens wishing to address the Board must submit their full name and address for the record. Those signed up will have three minutes to address the Board. Public comments for the Study Session must pertain to the VPS reopening plans and **VEA encourages elementary members to share their experience with the rushed reopening process as well as secondary members to share their questions, suggestions, and/or concerns.**

When: Jan 26, 2021 05:00 PM
Topic: VPS Board Study Session

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://vansd.zoom.us/j/81603122321>

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:

- Tuesday, 1/19:
 - positive case at Chinook, close contacts
- Monday, 1/18:
 - positive case at Lake Shore, close contacts
- Wednesday, 1/13:
 - positive case at JPC, close contacts with staff
 - presumed positive case at Chinook ES, close contacts with students
- Sunday, 1/10:
 - presumed positive at Truman ES from 1/8 was confirmed negative
- 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
- 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)
- Saturday, 1/2:
 - 2 positive cases at Washington ES, no close contacts

Since January 1, 2021, CCPH has reported:

Jan 26: TBA later today!
Jan 19: **473.69** cases per 100,000
Jan 11: **397.95** cases per 100,000
Jan 4: **324.87** cases per 100,000

Specialty Group Input Sessions

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

January 26th (ESAs) Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvduurrzwwH9VVJ1dB3y9usY01SHy0WP06>

January 27th (EL Specialists/Dual Language) Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://washingtonea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqf-GprzkoG9Ua3wl2Xcslq4Gii74Zy8k>

Step Up to VEA Leader Positions!

Nominations for several VEA positions will close at our next **Rep Council meeting on February 1st**. VEA encourages current and emerging leaders to consider requesting/completing/returning a nomination form to cbrown@washingtonea.org for the VEA positions of:

- President (2-yr term),
- 1st VP (2-yr term),
- 3rd VP in Charge of Member Engagement (2-yr term),
- Treasurer (2-yr term),
- Intermediate Trustee, (3-yr term) and
- Middle School Trustee (3-yr term).

Details pertaining to each position can be found in VEA Bylaws and Standing Rules/Procedures under the Documents tab of [the VEA website](#).

VEA also encourages current and emerging leaders to consider requesting/completing/returning a nomination form to cbrown@washingtonea.org for the positions of:

- VEA Delegates to the WEA Rep Assembly (virtual). This one-time event is currently scheduled for April 15-17. Details from past Rep Assemblies can be [found here](#).
- VEA Delegates to the NEA Rep Assembly (Denver CO – a virtual option has not yet been determined) This one-time event is July 2-6. Details from past Rep Assemblies can be [found here](#).

VEA will provide a voucher for participation in either Rep Assembly to reimburse members for any applicable meal purchases.

**Rally to Support
Safe Schools for Everyone**

VEA members are invited to join SW WA Educators United, fellow educators and community members for a **"Rally to Support Safe Schools for Everyone,"** with an emphasis on returning to/expanding in-person learning only when it's safe.

Report to the Clark County Public health building on Friday, 1/29 at 10:30am to finish sign painting before moving on to VPS District Office beginning at 11am, followed by EPS District Office (route map coming soon).

This is a socially-distanced and family-friendly event. Please wear masks and socially distance when outside of your car; be kind, respectful and patient. See the Facebook event linked above for further details.