



Vancouver Education Association

# Unity Strength Results

February 23, 2021

## Winter Update

### VPS & CCPH COVID Case Updates

VEA has attempted 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. Beginning last week, VPS has also begun providing public access to a [VPS COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#). We encourage members to share these details with other colleagues and community members to support communication and transparency.

**Since January 1, 2021, VPS has reported:**

**NEW! Saturday, 2/20:**

- positive case at Marshall ES, close contacts with staff and students, transmission location not school-based

Wednesday, 2/10:

- positive case at Jefferson MS, close contacts, transmission location not school-based

Tuesday, 2/9:

- [King confirmed an "outbreak site," elaborated in this message](#)

Friday, 2/5:

- positive student case at Chinook ES, no close contacts, school-based transmission; [Chinook confirmed an "outbreak site," elaborated in this message](#)
- positive case at Gaiser MS, no close contacts, transmission location not school-based

Monday, 2/1:

- positive case at Discovery MS, close contacts

Sunday, 1/31:

- positive case at Roosevelt ES, no close contacts

Tuesday, 1/26:

- 2 positive cases at King ES, close contacts

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
- 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:**

**NEW! Feb 23: 137.0 cases per 100,000 (as announced on the [Clark County COVID Data page](#))**

Feb 16: 209.8 cases per 100,000

Feb 9: 262.2 cases per 100,000

Feb 2: 310.54 cases per 100,000

Jan 26: 401.23 cases per 100,000

Jan 19: 473.69 cases per 100,000

Jan 11: 397.95 cases per 100,000

Jan 4: 324.87 cases per 100,000

### VPS School Board Workshop TODAY!

Please join us via Zoom for today/Tuesday's **VPS School Board Workshop, beginning at 5 PM!** This workshop does not allow for public comment to be shared. While the full meeting agenda can be viewed here, of note are the following agenda items: 5

- "Recommendation to Approve New Mascot Name for Columbia River High School"
- "Superintendent Search Update"
- "High School Reopening Update"
- Executive Session with Possible Action to Follow related to "Candidates for Public Employment," which we assume to be the narrowing to two final candidates for VPS Superintendent

**When: Feb 23, 2021 05:00 PM**

**Topic: VPS Board Workshop**

**Zoom webinar link:**

<https://vansd.zoom.us/j/86750859505>

### Last chance, VEA Elections: VOTE BY 5 PM TODAY!

VEA members should have received notification via email and via US mail that it's election time at VEA! **Voting will close TODAY, 2/23 AT 5PM!** Since all candidates for the Executive Board were uncontested and therefore declared elected per VEA Standing Rules, this vote will determine our delegates to the WEA Representative Assembly and the NEA Representative Assembly.

To vote, visit [www.myassociationvotes.com/vea](http://www.myassociationvotes.com/vea)

- Username: firstname.lastname as it appears on your District email
- Password: 5 Digit VPS Employee ID. If your ID is less than 5 digits add appropriate zeros (eg. 1234 should be entered as 01234)

Please contact [Cbrown@washingonea.org](mailto:Cbrown@washingonea.org) if you have any difficulties voting and **please vote before 5 PM TODAY, 2/23!**

### VEA Equity Event: Registration Now Open!

If you identify as a person of color, a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, a person with a physical disability and/or a person with neurodiversity, please see [this page created by the VEA Equity Team](#) for details on an event catered to feeding your soul!

[Register using this link](#)

Once you complete the event registration link you will receive a confirmation email with another link to indicate your party room preference and to receive access to the event via Zoom!

The VEA Equity Team hopes you can join us!

Marina Heitz (VP in charge of Equity Affairs), Melissa Bergmann, Samantha Lord, Tori Sharpe and Josey Sechrist

### Virtual Workshops: Shape Your Financial Future

Many VEA members have and continue to take advantage of free financial advising through **Cassie Hopkins, our AIG (previously VALIC) Financial Advisor who supports VEA through WEA Member Benefits!** Through this partnership, members also have access to a wide range of **virtual workshops from AIG.**

Contact Cassie Johnson directly ([cassie.johnson@aig.com](mailto:cassie.johnson@aig.com) or ((360) 901-9063) and/or see [the current list of workshop offerings here](#) to register and learn more about: how enrolling in your workplace retirement plan can benefit your future, why it's important to start saving now, and financial planning available at no cost to you!

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