

August Update

VEA Office -A new Look!

Thank you to the VEA mural committee members Cam Swarts, Rachael Honsinger, and April Greenwood for your commitment to this project. Mural attributes were developed, a call to muralists was enacted followed by a selection of finalists and a membership vote. VEA member, Travis London (@Deepgreenarts), designed and painted this representational mural on the North side of the VEA office. Neighbors and visiting members have all expressed positive comments on the improvement to the building and neighborhood.



Adidas Employee Store



VEA members and their guests (up to 4) can purchase items at the Adidas Employee Store now through September 5. You will need to bring your work identification, business card or pay stub, photo ID, and [this invitation letter](#). Store hours are M-F 10 am – 9 pm, Sat-Sun 9 am – 9 pm. Shop for fresh back to school looks at 50% off employee-only prices!

NEA Foundation Summer Grants

The NEA Foundation [summer grants to educators application period is now open](#). The deadline for applications is September 15th. NEA members are eligible to receive grants ranging from \$1.5K to \$5K. **Student Success** grants enable students to engage in learning experience connected to real-world issues and challenges. Advance your student's cultural understanding and appreciation with the help of the **Envision Equity** grant. Innovate your teaching instruction with resources to engage in meaningful professional development with the **Learning and Leadership** grants... and more!!

Don't Be Duped!

The Freedom Foundation has sent out mailers encouraging members to drop their membership with false claims. Please note that while it is true that VEA will provide grievance assistance – as legally obligated – regardless of an employee's membership status, the whole truth is that grievance assistance represents a very small part of the support VEA provides to its members. Of all the situations members call on VEA for support, only about 5% lead to a grievance situation. Employees who aren't members of VEA, don't receive support for the other 95% of issues likely encountered. They are not covered by the liability insurance and do not have voting rights.

The VEA office has modified office hours when school is not in session – M-Th 8-3; F 8-2.

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