

## October Update

### Get your Game On!



VEA has teamed up with the Portland Trailblazers for member access to games and Rose Quarter shows at the Moda Center at discounted rates.

**Rip City Rewards** – Use the PROMO code: **TBVEA** at <http://www.rosequarter.com/ripcityrewards> for savings on Trailblazer games throughout the season and select Moda Center shows.

**VEA Night at the Blazers** – December 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm – Trailblazers vs. Utah Jazz. All attendees will be entitled to exclusive savings and there's an exciting opportunity for you to step onto the court and test your skills with a free throw after the game concludes. For these tickets visit <http://www.rosequarter.com/groupnights> and use Promo Code **VEA23**. Note you can order as few as one ticket after registering. It appears at first that you need to order 10 tickets.

### The Sinking Synergy Ship

VEA has advocated for district sponsored training on Synergy since the spring, reiterated training needs in August and again at Labor Management in September as well as additional communications with the district. Members have donned life jackets as the ship continues to sink with Synergy failures left and right. Tech support hasn't solved many problems and we in the middle of the first progress report/grading period.

We understand that report card training has finally been offered next week – a little too little – nearly too late! Your VEA President sent [this message](#) to administration requesting tangible resolutions enacted very quickly at this point. These resolution requests include, but are not limited to:

- 1) District-funded training opportunities provided based on educator feedback
- 2) Extension of timelines set by the district - grade buckets - so that educators are able to do their jobs following this training

While we have recorded many Synergy failures, specific examples of synergy impacts on your time and ability to do your job are requested from the membership at-large via [this google doc](#) no later than Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

VEA will keep membership updated as responses are received from the district.

### VPS Changes Course Payment Business Practice



VPS has changed its business practice upon completion of a PD. Employees must respond within **ten business days** after receiving the email request to log in to e-sign for payment for a course. Failure to sign by the deadline may affect credit and/or payment for this course. If participants have not electronically signed after 3 business days, a second email reminder will be sent. Exceptions can be made to employees on leave during the notification period. If you have any issues with sign-in or paperwork process, please reach out to the PD department directly.

