

February Update

Feb 13 School Board – Upcoming RIF

The VPS School board meeting on Tuesday, February 13th is your opportunity to show up and **wear red**. If members would like to speak regarding the upcoming RIF, now would be a good time to start as “adoption of a Reduced Education Program” is on the agenda. The board is not anticipated to identify programs and positions, but it is an official recognition of an impending reduction.

Also remember to **wear RED** on Feb 20th as your bargaining team heads back to the table with VPS!

Professional Learning Voices Needed

VEA is looking for participants (1 each ES, MS, HS, SPED and 2 specialists VAPA and not an instructional coach) to attend PL advisory meetings on Feb 29 and May 16.

Half day (am) releases covered by the PL department to listen to PL planning and then give input/feedback about PD in the district..

VEA Equity Theme Social = SUCCESS!

The collaboration of the VEA member engagement and Equity teams resulted in a fabulous event on Friday, February 9th! 70 members enjoyed hearing from guest speakers Angela Jenkins (NAACP) and Randy Paddock (WEA Equity and Diversity Coordinator). The VEA Equity team shared information on safe vs brave spaces. Barb Laurenzo shared [this invitation to a brave space](#) to kick off the conversation. Adrienne Lee Kernell distributed conversation cards. The room was filled with a great energy! We hope you'll join us for the next all member event!

VOTE!!!

Balloting is open for members to elect open positions on the Executive Board as well as select delegates to attend the WEA and NEA Representative Assemblies. Balloting closes on Friday, February 16 at 5:00 PM.



<https://myassociationvotes.com/vea/>
Log In is your firstname.lastname as it appears on your district email... make sure that it does NOT autofill @vansd.org (eg. jamie.anderson)

Password is your five digit VPS identification number. Please fill in zeros if your ID is less than five digits (eg. 01234)

Legislator Town Hall – 18th District

Plan to attend the Legislative Town Hall on Saturday, February 17th, 12:30 pm at WSUV Dengerink Admin Building, Room 110 where representatives from the 18th District need to hear YOUR plea to appropriate funds to K-12 education. Show up – Wear red. Our budget crisis can be fixed by those in Olympia!



Columbia Sportswear Annual Winter Sale

VEA members and up to 4 additional guests have special access to the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store February 16-March 10! Take [this flier](#) and your ID.

NAACP Mixer

The NAACP welcomes all BIPOC Educators and Local Community Partners to an Education & Leadership mixer to celebrate Black History month on Saturday, February 17 from 4-8 PM at the Fourth Plain Community Commons (3101 NE 4th Plain Blvd, suite 101). Tickets are FREE via



Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/822868881977?aff=oddtcreator> (<http://bit.ly/3OExdjH>)

VEA joins other unions in Resolution

The VEA Rep Council voted at their February meeting to join other labor groups around the country in this [letter of support](#) for a ceasefire in Palestine and Israel. This weekend, the NEA voted unanimously to support a resolution for a ceasefire. Members may also individually support this movement.