



This week at the table

The VEA and VPS Bargaining teams returned to the table this week to finish sharing initial proposals. All proposals other than Appendix E have been put forth for consideration. Counter proposals are now being drafted. Both teams were able to sign several tentative agreements to start the morning off as well.

What’s received a TA (tentative agreement) so far?

The District has brought forward several proposals which captured minor edits to current contract language. In total, nine proposals have been tentatively agreed up on by both parties.

The topics of the tentative agreements include language updates regarding: sick leave, subpoena leave, military leave, continuation of group insurance benefits, the right to academic freedom, calendar of service days, and supplemental contracts. Back on February 20, VEA proposed new language in the Preamble which now outlines the mutually agreed upon goals of the Association and the District as the basis for our work. These goals are related to ensuring equity for all students, creating student-centered partnerships with family and community, sustaining high-functioning PLC teams and structures, and eliminating academic disproportionality and opportunity gaps.

VEA shared the remainder of Chapter 10 (Provisions of Employment) and proposals related to Chapter 12 (TRI duties, Professional Development). The District team provided VEA with a proposal related to student discipline.



LOS MARTES NOS VESTIMOS DE ROJO.

LOS MARTES SON LOS DÍAS DE NEGOCIACIÓN VEA-VPS.

Upcoming Bargaining Dates

March 19, 26
April 9, 16, 23

Remember to wear RED on Tuesdays!



ON TUESDAYS WE WEAR RED.

TUESDAYS ARE VEA-VPS BARGAINING DAYS.



VEA Bargaining Team members: Amy Spofford (chair), Sunny Selders (Intermediate Elementary) Keith Lloyd (Middle School), Charlotte Lartey (Specialist), Andrew Wicklas (High School), Kiera O’Brien (At-Large), Jamie Anderson (President), and Graham Picklesimer (Executive Director).

VPS Bargaining Team members: Jeff Fish (Director of HR), Brett Blechschmidt (Chief Operating Officer), Jami Phelps (Director of Special Education), Heath Angelbeck (Principal – Salmon Creek), Allison Watson (Assoc. Principal – Skyview), Jim Gray (Director of High Schools & Safety).



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