

September Update

Conference Clarification for October 2024

VPS will be sending information to principals this week which has been vetted through VEA regarding guidance for conferences.

1. There should be no requirements to meet with every family - there are certain reporting guidelines mandated either by OSPI or statute, but they do not necessarily require conferences.
2. Conferences should be scheduled, by the teacher, in a way which is responsive to the needs of the families in their classroom.
3. A building can vote on a schedule (within Ch 15 SBLT guidelines) but there should be no requirement for individuals to stay for that schedule - it is more for safety purposes and to establish when others will also be in the building.
4. If an individual is not required to hold conferences (or they do not have any scheduled) they can leave at the end of their contract day.
5. You may leave at the end of the student day on Friday if you do not have other conferences scheduled (Article 10.4B).

Columbia Sportswear Employee Store



VEA members and up to 4 additional guests can save 40-60% below retail pricing at the Columbia Sportswear Employee Store now through

October 6. They are also holding their tent sale clearance (up to an additional 40% off select products) through September 22 or while supplies last. Amazing new fall products are arriving every day. Please bring [THIS FLIER](#) (also on the VEA website) and your school identification with you.

Save the DATE Portland Trailblazer Tickets



VEA has secured discounted tickets for October 25, 2024 vs. New Orleans Pelicans and January 30, 2025 vs. Orlando Magic. VEA has a block of 75 tickets for each game. Watch for a flier with information to purchase your tickets!

Collective Bargaining Agreement Pay Schedule and per diem chart

New contract language will be posted to the VEA website very soon. The whole contract is undergoing final housekeeping updates. Contact VEA for specific language needed in the interim. Your [pay schedule](#) is available now under the documents tab. Scroll down below the pay schedule for the per diem chart.

WEA Day of Action – There’s a LOT at STAKE

The Financial Crisis experienced in VPS as well as other locals around the state can be mitigated by the Legislature. [Proposals for the 2025-27 budget](#) are already being proposed by Chris Reykdal for more funds towards Special Education, Salaries, and Transportation. We have an opportunity for more Pro-Labor, Pro-Public Education individuals at the table in Olympia to amplify your voice where it matters most. WEA’s Day of Action is an opportunity to door bell identified positive voters. Educators were well received at the door at the July event for John Zingale and Adrian Cortes. Other endorsed candidates include Bob Ferguson, Nick Brown and Chris Reykdal.

No on 2109 campaign is a key component in this Day of Action. If the Capital Gains tax is repealed, we stand to lose Billions of dollars in state revenue. **VEA needs 25 volunteers to [doorbell to identified positive voters](#) on October 26.** Sign up here to doorbell: www.wea.mobi/action24

VEA needs three phone callers on 8 specific dates to participate in a statewide phone bank for [No on I-2109](#). WEA will provide training at the beginning of each time slot, an app will be used to protect your personal information, and calls will be made to voters with a history of being pro-public education and pro-labor to encourage them to get out and vote. Sign up for the virtual phone bank at <https://wea.mobi/noon2109phonebank>

Invite your friends and have a phone party on:

September 25	5-7 PM	September 28	1-3 PM
October 2	5-7 PM	October 9	5-7 PM
October 16	5-7 PM	October 26	1-3 PM
October 30	5-7 PM	November 4	5-7 PM

VEA Social October 4, 2024 4:00-6:30 Billy Blues

We’d love to have you join us for some great conversation, food, and a hosted beverage. Get to know our newest members, connect with colleagues across the district. Please RSVP by October 1 for planning purposes. **We hope to see you there!**



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W8VTZ8N>

SpEd Vote of No Confidence

VEA leadership has discussed the VONC with Dr. Snell and School Board President, Kyle Sproul. As a result, the Board is monitoring progress at their workshops. These meetings are held via Zoom. The board has asked for member input as to current realities that can be shared directly to Board members or VEA.