

October Update

Special Education Openings

Please know that new openings are posted for special education positions. Existing members may apply and be considered for these opportunities.

OSPI Special Education Community Complaints (SECC)

VEA supports members through the grievance process when contract violations occur. Anyone in the community (educators and parents) concerned that a Federal or State special education rule or law has been violated may file a community complaint through the [OSPI channel](#). The process for compliance violations process is very straightforward.

Congratulations Scholarship Winners!!

Preston Antisdell is the recipient of \$1000 WEA-Retired scholarship to support ongoing education.

Kathleen Martin received \$2000 as one of four recipients of the Porterfield Scholarship. VEA is a proud sponsor of this opportunity to promote the development of individuals pursuing the teaching profession.

IPTN Class Offerings

VEA has announced new professional learning courses for special education and inclusionary practices.

- Developing IEPs with Transitions (Equity) Trauma Informed Practices
- Teaching Behavior Expectations/Rules in an Inclusive Early Childhood Setting
- De-escalation Strategies
- Innovations and updates in Assistive and Inclusive Technologies
- ...More!

Please remember that the new contract provides for payment from applicable PD funds for attending WEA courses. Check out this link to the November/December flyer: [2024 Nov- Dec Zoom course flyer 1.pdf](#)

VEA Bargaining Team Openings

Please [complete this application](#) if you are interested in applying to serve on the VEA bargaining team (Primary, MS, HS, and Specialist and at-large reps). Applications are due no later than October 20th for consideration. While this is not a bargaining year, WEA is offering training on November 16.

NEA Super Week Report

See this NEA report from Super Week where our NEA Directors connect with members of Congress: [NEA Directors' Newsletter Sept 2024 \(smore.com\)](#)

WEA Day of Action - There's a LOT at \$TAKE

One volunteer per building

No on 2109 campaign is a key component in WEA's Day of Action plans. If the Capital Gains tax is repealed, we stand to **lose Billions of dollars in state revenue**. The Financial Crisis experienced in VPS could be intensified with this potential loss of revenue. You may see lots of signs urging voters to pass four initiatives including I-2109. We need to educate the public that this repeal will hurt education funding!



VEA is asking for **ONE volunteer from each site to doorbell to identified positive voters** on WEA's Day of Action on October 26.

Volunteer names will be placed in a drawing for a special treat delivered by VEA. We will door bell education friendly homes for WEAPAC endorsed Statewide candidates, teachers running for legislative positions (including our John Zingale), and No on I-2109. Sign up here to doorbell on October 26: www.wea.mobi/action24

October 26	1-3 PM
October 30	5-7 PM
November 4	5-7 PM

Student Loan Forgiveness Workshop

October 24th 5:00 pm

WEA - WEBINARS STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS WORKSHOP

Many of you are likely eligible for federal student loan forgiveness through the available federal programs. NEA Member Benefits has gathered the latest info as it applies to members.

DATES
OCT 24, 2024

TIME
5:00 PM

REGISTER AT



STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

Portland Trailblazer Tickets

Available through October 21st



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. The VEA group will have early entry to watch pregame player warmups before the doors open to the general public – but we need 50 tickets sold for this feature. Visit: www.Rosequarter.com/groupnights Promo Code: VEA24. Order deadline is October 21.

No tax break for the ultra-rich. NO on I-2109.

Educators are voting NO on Initiative 2109 this fall because if it passes it would cut more than \$2.2 billion from education in the next 5 years.



I-2109 Would Slash Childcare and Education Funds

The Children's Alliance, Save The Children Action Fund, Moms Rising, and many more oppose I-2109 because it will cut more than \$2.2 billion over 5 years from education, worsening Washington's childcare and school funding crisis in both rural and urban areas.



I-2109 Shifts Tax Pressure to Middle-Income Families

I-2109 puts more tax pressure on the rest of us. It carves out a tax break for a handful of people - fewer than 4,000 wealthy households - shifting more tax responsibility on middle- and low- income Washingtonians who are already paying the biggest share - up to 17% of our incomes - in state and local taxes.



Vote No to Speak Up for Washington's Families

I-2109 is paid for by a hedge fund mega-millionaire who wants to stop paying his share. Voting against I-2109 means standing up for working families and telling the super-wealthy that it's time to stop using their power to avoid paying what they owe.



Sign up for a virtual
phone bank!

<https://wea.mobi/noon2109phonebank>

