



Vancouver Education Association

Unity Strength Results

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December Update

Student Teachers and SWEA

Do you know or have a student teacher? Did you know that student teachers can join WEA? SWEA costs only \$22.50 per year and includes all member benefits including access to events and Professional Development. There's a dues rebate of \$20 for each year of SWEA membership. This rebate can be claimed during their first year of teaching/membership.



[Here's the link](#) for interested Student Teachers to join SWEA.

Interrupting & Disrupting Bias PD



Registration **is now open** for this enlightening WEA led professional development. Join us on January 11th (Saturday) from 9 am until noon. VAESP members are invited to attend. VEA members may pay themselves using available Individual PD funds.

Register at: <https://wea-win.org/events/470>



Highlighting VEA Equity Work

A small group of VEA Equity Team members met on December 11 to discuss and outline priorities for the team. Ongoing priorities to move work forward include to plan and hold a listening session for BIPOC members, begin preparations for allyship training, and start the work to establish an Educator of Color network – the first in Vancouver.

Our hope is to begin this work and outline a plan to sustain it into, and beyond, 2025-26. We encourage members to attend the *Interrupting & Disrupting Bias* PD on January 11 and to look for more activities related to the Educator of Color Network and allyship opportunities. To learn more about Educator of Color networks, please see this article: ([NEA article: Rise of Educator of Color Networks](#)).

Members who have expressed an interest in Equity work will be contacted by our VP of Equity Affairs, Barb Laurenzo.

The NEA RA is coming to Portland

NEA RA will be in Portland, OR July 2-6, 2025. This is a big deal! In order to pull off a convention of this size, local volunteers are needed. If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer (delegate services, sign in tables, credentials, NEA fund, microphone services, etc.) complete this google doc:

[2025 NEA RA Volunteer Sign up](#)



Trailblazer Tickets and Rip City Rewards

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 – Discount on ALL home games and select events like Disney on Ice at the Rose Quarter this season. www.rosequarter.com/ripcityrewards **Promo Code: TBVEA**. Please note that the offer may change throughout the year, but the initial deal includes at least a 10% discount on ALL home games this season!

VEA's 2nd Night at the Blazers – This special group night is scheduled for January 30th. You will get early access to the game vs. Orlando allowing you to shoot a free throw on the court after the game!

*Fan experience is subject to hitting the minimum of 50 tickets purchased by the VEA group.

Visit: Rosequarter.com/groupnights
Promo code: VEA2025.

Order deadline is January 27.

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