

August Update

VEA Specialist Trustee Opening

VEA is sad to learn that Kierstin Eaton has taken a position outside of VPS. This departure leaves a vacancy to fill the remainder of her term serving as Specialist Trustee on the VEA Executive Board. This term ends July 31, 2026. The vacancy will be filled by recommendation of a replacement by the Executive Board at their August 13th retreat followed by ratification by Rep Council in September. Interested members should contact VEA for consideration prior to the executive board retreat.

WEA Human Civil Rights Teaching Equity Conference

Saturday, August 16
Highline College
2400 S 240 Street – Des Moines, WA
7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Six (6) CCDEI clock hours provided

This conference is dedicated to eliminating opportunity gaps for all students while creating educational environment cultures that increase both academic and social-emotional student outcomes through “Asset-Based Story Telling.”

More information – [check out this flier](#)
 Register: <https://wea-win.org/events/739>

PreSchool For All Town Hall – Aug 13

In the past several weeks, there has been an attack on PFA in the media. A progressive tax on top incomes currently offers 3800 tuition-free seats to Portland-area 3 and 4 year olds in Multnomah county and is on track to offer universal free preschool in five years. The measure was originally passed with a 64% approval.

A “Hands off PreSchool for All” Town Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13 from 4:30-6:00 pm at the Latino network La Plaza (1655 SE Oak Street) Portland 97233.

Minnehaha Family in Crisis

Educators at Minnehaha are helping to support a family from their school community who is in crisis due to the current immigration climate. They face the threat of deportation and are encountering the many barriers navigating the immigration system entails.

If you would like to help
<https://gofund.me/c2e7366e>

Columbia Sportswear Summer Sale and School Supply Drive



VEA members can shop the Columbia Employee store during a special School Supply Drive – August 1 – 31.

Bring your donation, [this flier](#), your membership card/employee badge for this special shopping event. 14100 NW Science Park Drive – Portland 97229

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