

## March Update

### The first wave is hitting ...

The first wave of RIF notices was delivered today to some provisional contract holders. As mentioned in the March Action Line Newsletter, we expect that this is only the beginning of the roll out of notices.

We will reach out to our affected members with a link to register for access to a webinar on Tuesday, March 24, for an informational session.

District officials have shared that they anticipate delivering another round of non-renewal notices before Spring break. This may include individuals who are no longer in their provisional period. In the worst case scenario, this could extend several years up the seniority list.

VEA is devastated by the loss of our colleagues and the impact these decisions will have on our schools and students.

### \$26 for 2026

2026 is shaping up to be a busy year with half of the state Senate and all of the state House positions up for election. This year, there will also be five statewide races for the Supreme Court on the ballot, along with a number of initiatives, that will directly impact our schools. These races are crucial to protecting public education, which is why we need to help elect pro-education, pro-labor candidates across the state.

Thanks to WEA-PAC, we have dramatically increased the number of pro-public education, pro-labor candidates elected across the state — including six WEA members in the state Legislature and more than 55 WEA members serving on local school boards or in other local offices. But the work is not done yet and your support is critical.

[Donate \\$26 to support our 2026 elections campaign today](#). Or, if you're on payroll deduction, consider [leveling up your \\$2.25 per month donation to \\$5 or more](#)

### Nominations for NEA Teacher Champions



Do you know educators who go above and beyond to make an extraordinary difference to their students? We do! The NEA will award up to five teachers from across the country with \$5000 to support them, their classroom, professional learning, school or community as part of the NEA Teaching Champions recognition campaign. NEA will review nominations for teacher with inspiring stories to share and select teachers by April 6. Stories will be shared during Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8. [Nominations](#) are due by Friday, March 27

### Columbia Sportswear Shopping Pass Ends Soon

The special pass to shop the Columbia employee store ends on Sunday, March 22. Use [the flyer](#) and your proof of affiliation for entry. Shop prAna, Mountain Hard Wear, Sorel, and Columbia brands.



Can't make it this weekend? Columbia is a partner of the KGW great food drive – donate a non-perishable food item for store access through March 31<sup>st</sup>.