

June Update

Vote of No Confidence Results

The Vote of No Confidence (VONC), initiated through a motion from member leaders at the April Rep Council meeting and conducted according to VEA Standing Rules, has concluded. Results and allowed comments can be viewed here: [VONC Results](#)

A total of 665 votes were cast by 574 VEA members and 48 VAESP members (3 members did not identify their bargaining unit). Of those participating, 86.3% voted that they have **no confidence** in CFO Brett Blechschmidt's leadership. Among the VEA members who participated, 85% voted **no confidence**.

Comments submitted by participant reflected concerns regarding financial management, transparency of information, and the impact of repeated budget reductions on staff and students. Many participants expressed the belief that the district's current financial challenges are the result of decisions and oversight over multiple years. Some members noted that the responsibility extends beyond a single individual and includes broader district leadership and governance, in addition to the Washington state legislature.

The VEA Executive Board's next steps will be to communicate the outcome of the VONC to both the new superintendent and the school board directors.

MOA – PreSchool IEPs

VEA has reached agreement with the district and have secured a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding compensation for initial preschool IEPs written for students who do not become a part of the educator's case load. This agreement restores and codifies a past district process.

Preschool teachers and ESAs will receive two-hours of per diem compensation for each initial IEP written for a student who does not become part of their caseload during the 2025-26 school year.

The MOA is posted on the VEA website under the documents tab ([Preschool MOA](#)).

Val Ogden Dinner

If you are a current WEAPAC contributor and are interested in attending the Val Ogden Dinner on August 22nd (5:00 pm at the Hilton – Vancouver), please let the VEA office know ASAP! This interactive event will include an opportunity to meet and speak with statewide leaders.

Special guest speakers: Washington State Attorney General, Nick Brown and Washington State Lieutenant Governor, Denny Heck.

Enjoy your Break!!!



VEA-VPS Joint Calendar

The VEA office has received the [2026-27 joint calendar of special days](#). As a reminder, the contract allows the district to direct up to six (6) hours of professional development using employees' individual PD funds. Any additional required PD must be paid from other funding sources and scheduled in coordination with the Association.

