

## Weekly Update

### Sip, Sip, Hooray!

Our first member social of the year is coming up **Friday, October 23, from 4:30–6:30 PM at Heathen Brewing & Kitchen** (2225 NE 119th Street, Ste. 109)!

Come welcome our newest members, reconnect with colleagues, enjoy some yummy food, and **grab your first beverage on VEA**. We'd love to see you there!

RSVP using the QR code:



Or by using this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FFW2TRN>

### Show Up For Our Schools

Our collective voice matters — and one of the most powerful ways we can make it heard is by showing up.



Join your fellow VEA members at upcoming School Board meetings to advocate for our schools and students and remind decision-makers that educators are paying attention.

**We need you there!** Sign up to join fellow VEA members at an upcoming School Board meeting.

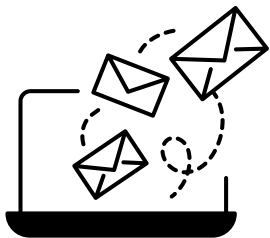
You don't have to speak—just showing up matters. Let us know you are planning to attend by RSVPing at this link: <https://forms.gle/dsVWx497wEJVo9Gz8>

### Stronger Together. Better Connected.

We want to make sure you're getting the information you need, in the ways that work best for you.

Take a few minutes to complete our [Member Communication Preference Survey](#) and let us know

how you prefer to receive updates, news, and information from VEA.



Your feedback will help us improve how we communicate with members.

### WEA LGBTQ+ Conference

WEA is excited to be hosting the annual LGBTQ+ Conference on **Saturday, November 7, 2026**, for LGBTQ+ educators and allies at Kamiak HS in Mukilteo, WA. Attendees will have the option to take classes discussing several topics. **Register at WEA-WIN:** <https://wea-win.org/events/1951?type=Event>

**You can request conference funding from VEA using this form:** <https://vancouverea.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Conference-Funding-Request-Form.pdf> Funding requests are due by 4PM Monday, October 19 for Exec Board consideration.

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