VANCOUVER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Unity Strength Results

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Weekly Update

VEA Raises Concerns about New C.O.O. Appointment

VEA has sent a **letter to the VPS School Board of Directors outlining serious concerns** about the appointment of the district's new Chief Operating Officer.

Our concerns include questions about the candidate's professional history, the financial claims from previous leadership roles, and issues related to financial oversight.

We believe the Board has a responsibility to carefully consider these concerns before moving forward with approval at Tuesday night's meeting.

VEA remains committed to open conversations with the Board and to ensuring our district's leadership decisions serve the best interest of our students, staff, and community.

Local Election Results

This year's election brought several important wins for public education!

Election results in the 17th, 18th, and 49th Legislative Districts are sending SIX WEAPAC endorsed, pro-labor, pro-public education candidates to Olympia.

Congrats to Kim Harless, Deken Letinich, Randi Knott, Ben Christly, and Diana Perez! And congrats to WEA member and EEA sibling – Monica Stonier to her re-election in the 49th Legislative District!

On the state level, voters rejected the repeal of the Millionaire's Tax, protecting critical state revenue for education and health care, and defeated Initiative 001, which threatened important protections for vulnerable children.

We are also happy to see the BGPS levy PASS. Congrats to our BGEA siblings!!

NAKIA Academy – Invitations Coming Soon!

Keep an eye on your inbox! **Invitations to participate in the 2026 VEA NAKIA Academy will be arriving soon.** This opportunity is open to BIPOC members of VEA who are interested in connecting with fellow educators, building leadership skills, and strengthening their involvement in our union.



We hope you'll consider joining us!

Bargaining Survey – Set to Launch

It may only be early November, but bargaining is just around the corner! The VEA bargaining survey will hit member inboxes on **Friday, November 13,** and close on Friday, January 8, giving members plenty of time to share their thoughts. **Every voice matters and your feedback will shape VEA's priorities at the bargaining table.**

If you don't receive the survey, please reach out to the VEA office.

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