



September 18, 2023

Dear {{FirstName}},

It's been a busy week in the HEA neighborhood from the Rep council meeting to site visits. A quick shout out to Teacher Maura Fenelon at Valley View Early Learning Center who invited me to experience the first day of Pre-K! Amazing, and I had such a blast building towers out of foam blocks with four aspiring general contractors. Thanks for refilling my cup. Also, thank you to our colleagues at Community Based Services (CBS) for the invitation to meet your staff, celebrate your hard work, and understand the impact the para shortage is having on your program.

# VEBA:

Rep council approved the continuation of bargaining unit VEBA contributions. Please know that you can contact <u>VEBA</u> to pay bills online or receive a cost-free benefits card that works just like a debit card for making approved payments.

### **Discipline Reporting:**

This year all student discipline, major and minor, must be entered in Synergy, and not via side systems, like google forms, or complex email protocols. There are three new forms that will be used, one by the "reporter" and two by admin. If your school is still using side systems, please contact your building rep and HEA leadership.

### Election Season is Drawing Near:

Would you like to be involved and help HEA ensure that pro-public education candidates win in the November General election? Please <u>fill out this form</u> for WEAPAC Chair Ben Folgers! It will allow you to customize your level of engagement.

# Brat Trot:

HEA is a prime sponsor of the Burien Brat Trot. Please <u>register using the</u> <u>discount code of HEA25</u> to receive 25% off your registration fee. Throw on your red HEA shirt and throw down a 5K for a good cause! See you there.

# Feeling like making some Good Trouble?

Labor Notes Puget Sound Troublemakers School is happening Saturday September 30th at South Seattle College. Join labor activists from around the area to strategize, share skills, and learn ways to organize to win. HEA will cover the costs of 5 participants. If you are interested, please <u>email Renee Agatsuma</u>.



# WEA-PAC Campaign Sign-Ups

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