



The Daily Plate



If you aren't at the table, you are probably on the menu.

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The Collective Bargaining Update for WWVEA

Dates to Know:

We will be out in the schools so you can share “What’s on you plate” with the bargaining team. If you can’t make the meeting at your school, please attend one at a different site.

Tues. Jan. 27:

- Lincoln 3:30—5pm
- Prospect Point—3:30—5pm

Wed. Jan 28:

- Garrison—3:20 –4:50pm
- Edison –3:30 –5pm

Thurs. Jan 29:

- Berney—3:30 –5pm
- Pioneer—3:30 –5pm

Tues. Feb. 3:

- Green Park—3:30—5pm
- Blue Ridge—3:15—4:45pm

Thurs. Feb. 5:

- Wa-Hi—3:45 –5:15pm

Tues. Feb. 10:

- Sharpstein—3:30-5pm
- Last Chance Meeting—Prospect Point 7-8:30pm

Let your voice be heard!



What’s on your plate?

As an educator, we have a huge job to do. Each and every one of us have been challenged to educate our students. To do that, we need to have our “meat and potatoes”. What is your “meat and potatoes”? What do you need to do your job? Are getting your “meat and potatoes” or is something missing?

What about all those “side dishes”, the extra things we are “told” or required to do. Are the “side dishes” helping or hindering your job? We want to know what “side dishes” are filling up your plate. Is your plate

full yet?

We want to hear from you.

- What do you need off your plate so you can be the best educator you can be?
- How can we help you get a “balanced diet”?
- Do you like what’s on the menu
- Are you feeling hungry? Satisfied? Or too full?

Let us know, so we can represent you when we go to the table.

How can you get involved?

We need your help. We are organizing a bargaining support team. This team will help behind the scenes to gather and disseminate information so that we can get the best contract ever.

Want to help? We want you on our team. To get involved contact:

Lance Longmire, Bargaining Support Team Chair @ wwvealance@gmail.com.

Food for Thought

Extra contract days:
If you use only one of your extra contract days to set up your class, that leaves only **6 days or 45 hours** for use during the school year. This amounts to **1 hour and 15 minutes per week** for 36 weeks.



If it harms one of us, it harms us all.

Meet your Bargaining Support Team:

The Bargaining Support Team (BST) is a group of educators that want to give you your voice. We want you to be heard. After all, if your interests aren't being represented then the Bargaining Team loses its credibility with you and with the district office. Without your support, everyone loses.

Lance Longmire, the Bargaining Support Team Chair, has spent the last month organizing individuals to represent their schools and specialty areas. Though the task is not completely finished, he is pleased to report that the initial team is

coming together nicely. Right now we have sixteen educators from preschool to high school, from ESL to PE, who will be helping organize your ideas for our bargaining efforts. Once we have finished organizing our BST, the real work begins.....listening to you.

If you want to be a part of this movement, please contact

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BST Chair—Lance Longmire
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Wa-Hi—Andrew Gomsrud
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Blue Ridge—Corey Hobbs/
Jerry Hubbard
Green Park—Robin Peterson
Berney—Maria Fondahn
Prospect Point—Leah Taylor/
Laura Reiter
Sharpstein—Kathy Oliver
Edison—Kit Chryst
Spec. Ed, HS—Chris Blackman
Spec. Ed, Elem—Justin Taylor
ESL—Laurie Hersey
LAP/Title I—Sara VanDonge
Elem. Spec.—Laura Hersey
PE—Jennifer Knowles
Music—Denise Hurst
Library—Joann Savage
Preschool—Tensi Lovejoy
Counselors—Eva Hanson
CTE—Doug Poulson
Psych/Speech Path—Patty Weeks

Schedule of Events

As we move forward, the BST wants to make sure you are informed of all activities. Our tentative schedule is:

January 6

We will be training all BST members. This training will focus on host to best interview or members in the most informative and least intrusive way. All BST members should plan on attending.

Early January

BST will be facilitating small group meetings at each of the buildings. This is your chance to have a voice.

Schedule of all visits will be out in early December. Please plan on attending.

Late January

Compile information gathered from building visits and communicate to members.

February

Develop and implement survey.

Late February

Compile survey data and communicate to members.

March

The BST will host a "Solutions Buffet" to gather input from

the members on creative ways to solve issues. Come with your out of the box solutions. More info to follow in future issues.

Late March

Compile information and communicate to members.

April to Early May

Develop bargaining plan and communicate to members.

June to Late July

Bargain with district and communicate with members.

Watch for updates in future issues of The Daily Plate.

Coming Soon . . . A Second Opinion

If you are sick and your doctor recommends a treatment that you don't feel comfortable with, you are encouraged to get a second opinion. Makes sense right?

What if you are confused about some of the information regarding your contract and/or working con-

ditions. Where do you get a "second opinion". That is where we come in. Email us at www.vealance@gmail.com with your questions and we will answer it.

If it is a question that we feel can help other members, we may use it in the newsletter. Don't worry!

We won't use your name unless you give us permission to do so.