



Ventura Education Support Professionals Association



VESPA February 2024 Newsletter

- The Tentative Agreement PASSED as VESPA members voted (510 emails went out, a total of 227 members voted: 222 voted yes, 4 voted no, 1 abstained). Now, it goes to the School Board where approval is likely on 2/13/2024.
- VESPA President, Carol Peek would like to give a huge shout out to the Negotiations Team! They worked tirelessly.
- VESPA Elections for the next 2 year terms are upon us. Open offices are: President, Secretary, and Directors at Large for even numbered zones. The deadline to submit candidacy forms and head shots (photos) is February 15 at noon in the VESPA office. [CLICK HERE](#) for timelines for the elections. Training for each office is included.
- Elections for NEA RA, National Education Association Representative Assembly (a national rep council) currently underway. 4 seats are available for our local chapter. Timelines are the same but different forms to fill out. If interested, email: vespapresident@gmail.com.
- VUSD is asking if VESPA members have experienced an increase in cost with the CSEBO PPO. Please share your stories. The district is looking to improve or find cost-savings in health benefits. Send email to: vespapresident@gmail.com.
- VESPA Vice-President, Robert Ybarra, announced the success of the January 29 Professional Development Day. ESPs were included and PAID for attending. Choices for professional growth sessions were offered and demonstrated that the district is listening to VESPA members who are asking for more trainings.
- VESPA Committees that need people: Elections Chair, and Membership Chair. Email Robert at: vespaexecs@gmail.com. Training provided!
- A big CONGRATULATIONS to Carol Peek for being elected Top 5 nation-wide NEA ESPs of the Year! Read the article here: <https://www.nea.org/nea-today/all-news-articles/meet-nea-education-support-professional-year-finalists>.
- The next School Board meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 6:00 pm at the Education Service Center on Stanley Avenue. All are encouraged to attend or watch live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@VenturaUnifiedSchoolDistrict/streams>

- Next VESPA meeting will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, **March 6**. Check your personal email for Zoom link.

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