

Ventura Education Support Professionals Association



VESPA Happy New Year! Newsletter, January 2024

- VESPA President, Carol Peek and Vice-President Robert Ybarra welcome everyone back from Winter Break and hopes everyone had a great holiday season and some time to rest, recharge and take care of yourselves.
- Negotiations Update: The next full compensation meeting is scheduled for 1/11/24. VESPA team awaits a response to their offer of a salary increase of \$4/hour for every member with pro-rated options for members working less than 35 hours/week. Stay tuned for updates. Carol Peek mentioned that the negotiations process is working better this cycle and feels the district is listening. She also added that the relationship with VUEA has been very beneficial.
- Vice-President, Robert Ybarra offered that the district will be offering more trainings for paraeducators. 1/29 In Service Day will have training opportunities for paraeducators. These trainings are not mandatory.
- The next School Board meeting is scheduled for January 23rd 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>
- Remember to wear **RED** on Wednesdays to show strength and solidarity for our unions. VESPA t-shirts are still available for \$10. Email: vespapresident@gmail.com if you'd like to place an order.
- Next VESPA meeting will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, **February 7**. Check your personal email for Zoom link.



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