

VESPA



Ventura Education Support Professionals Association

April 2025 Newsletter

Welcome back from Spring Break for those that got to take time off. Not all classified staff get Spring Break off. Thank you to those who worked through the week. Hopefully, it was a quiet and productive week.



SAVE THE DATE: Friday, **May 2nd** for VESPA Member Appreciation Social with VUEA at Tony's Pizzeria (186 E. Thompson Blvd, Ventura). It was so much fun last year. Don't miss out!

Scholarships for Seniors in high school (Member dependents) deadline for submission of application is Friday, **April 25** at 4:00pm. Applications can be sent via district mail service (brown mail), in person, or via USPS to the VESPA office.

School Board President, Calvin Peterson, will be at the VESPA office on Thursday, **April 10** at 3:30 pm as part of ongoing monthly visits to listen to classified employees. Take advantage of the opportunity to converse with the school board president.

The deadline (March 15) for notice of layoff/reduction in hours or "bumping" has passed. There will be no more reductions for the 2025-26 school year.

Many VESPA office holders attended the NEA annual conference. VESPA President, Carol Peek, gave a presentation at the conference. Her fellow attendees noted that her presentation was informative and inspirational.

The VUSD Superintendent, Dr. Castro, gave a budget presentation at Ventura High School on March 31st. No new information was provided. The slides of the presentation are available for viewing. Check district correspondence for links to the presentation.

Update from the Special School Board Meeting (not streamed on YouTube) from March 18th: school board members agreed to re-evaluate classified reductions. They have not come to a decision.

Attend the next VUSD School Board Meeting on Tuesday, **April 8**. Continue to attend the meetings, speak out about the reductions. The school board needs to realize how important our classified jobs are and how they impact students. The fight for our jobs goes on! If you can't attend the School

Board meeting, watch live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@VenturaUnifiedSchoolDistrict/streams>

The next Personnel Commission Meeting is **April 23rd** at 4:30 pm at the ESC. These meetings deal with classified employment.



The next VESPA meeting will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, **May 7**. Check your personal email for Zoom link.

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