

VESPA



Ventura Education Support Professionals Association

January 2025 Newsletter

President Carol Peek wished all members a very Happy New Year! She also informed members that from attending the December 13, 2024 School Board meeting, Business Services reported a big drop in funding due to declining enrollment and Measure H failing to pass with voters in Ventura. For more detailed information: [CLICK TO WATCH](#) (scroll to 5:41:33 for start of financial report)

- NO decisions have been made yet, although reductions could come in the future.
- The Board asked for union (VESPA and VUEA) input. Union leaders suggested looking for cuts furthest away from the classroom (to look at management first).
- Union leaders also asked for the district to be transparent with the process and to be available to members with questions as they visit job sites/schools.
- March 15 is the deadline for informing members of any reductions or layoffs.
- You can review Article 19 of the contract here: [CLICK FOR WEBSITE](#) under Contract/ Negotiations.
- Carol Peek wanted to emphasize that the information is to prepare and provide information to members, not to scare or worry anyone.

Vice-President Robert Ybarra informed that the paraeducator meetings held on December 10 and 17 were well attended. Those who attended gave valuable feedback. There was a discussion to have future meetings in person.

The January 6 Professional Development (Inservice) Day at Buena High School was well attended. Positive feedback was given for the key note speaker.

New and improved VESPA website has launched. Please visit to experience VESPA Voices! podcast, newsletters, informative videos and important forms. [CLICK FOR WEBSITE](#)

The next School Board meetings are scheduled for January 14 and February 4, 2025 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>

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

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