

# Ventura Education Support Professionals Association



## VESPA News! November 2023

- VESPA President, Carol Peek welcomes everyone back from Fall Break and hopes everyone had some time to rest and recharge.
- Welcome new Directors: Jeri Nava-Maynez and Tina Olson. We still have one vacancy to fill.
- Open Enrollment for health insurance benefits is extended to November 10. If you need to make changes, contact Risk Management: [Jodie.Argueta@venturausd.org](mailto:Jodie.Argueta@venturausd.org) 805-641-5000 x1241.
- PARS deadline was 10/30/23 at 10 pm. The list of candidates will be presented to the School Board at the next board meeting on November 14.
- The next Personnel Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th. Changes to job classifications are made at these meetings. The Board has 3 commissioners: John Walker, Cathi Stollins (VESPA representative), and Anne Campbell (VUSD representative). Anyone can attend and give public comments (and encourage to do so!). The agenda is published the Wednesday before the meeting.
- Negotiations Update: the team is still working on language for Professional Growth (Article 41). The next negotiation meeting is scheduled for November 7th. Compensation negotiations will start after the School Board meetings on 12/8 (a budget meeting) and 12/12 (regular meeting, starts at 6 pm). All are encouraged to attend or watch live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@VenturaUnifiedSchoolDistrict/streams>
- Committees that need to be filled: Elections, Membership, ParaEducator. Contact VESPA Vice President, Robert Ybarra ([vespaexecs@gmail.com](mailto:vespaexecs@gmail.com)) if interested in helping out. Training and support will be provided!



- Remember to wear **RED** on Wednesdays to show strength and solidarity for our unions.
- Next VESPA meeting will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, **December 6** . Check your personal email for Zoom link.



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