

Weekly Update Sept.7th, 2021

New Collective Bargaining Agreement for 21-22 Ratified by Membership!



Last Wednesday (9/1) our licensed staff approved the tentative agreement (TA) reached by our bargaining team. A big thank you to all of the Bethel educators in attendance and those that exercised their right to vote. Holding ratifications via zoom and voting online is never perfect and many apologies for the limitations that it caused. Please

follow this link to see <u>the overall language</u> (or if you prefer <u>a summary</u>) that was voted on last week. Here is a link to the <u>powerpoint presentation</u> that was used within the ratification meeting for those interested. The language will now move on and be voted on by the Bethel School Board this coming Monday (9/13) and if approved will become our overall master agreement with the district.

Vaccine Timeline Reminder ~ October 18th

Here is another reminder, as per <u>Governor Brown's Vaccine Mandate</u> all educators must be fully vaccinated by October 18th unless they qualify for a medical or religious exception. If you are unvaccinated please keep the below timelines in mind and plan accordingly. If you have any questions regarding exceptions please contact <u>Remie Calalang</u> or if there are general questions regarding the mandate feel free to contact any EEA Officer. The deadline to begin the Moderna Vaccine has now passed but vaccinations are still possible for Pfizer as well as J&J before the Oct 18th deadline.



- Pfizer: (21 days between shots): Sept 13th
- J&J: (single dose): Oct 4th

Dates above are when first doses must be administered to become fully vaccinated by the October 18th deadline. The above is for informational purposes only. Please contact a medical professional for information on COVID-19 and the vaccines referenced above.



COVID Screen Testing for students through Partnership with Bethel & UO

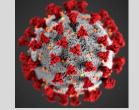


If you are a parent of a Bethel Student and feel that screen testing (for those without COVID symptoms) is something that could benefit your family please take a look at the-following-link. The Bethel School District has partnered with the University of Oregon to test young people in our community with a free weekly at home test. Please see the link above for more details and consent forms.

Screen Testing for Vaccinated Educators through WVT Labs

If you are a vaccinated educator that is interested in weekly screen testing for COVID-19, WVT Laboratories (located in Corvallis) is offering a no-cost (to you) PCR test. If a weekly test for vaccinated individuals is something that your family would be interested in, please follow this link to learn more

about this opportunity.



In Solidarity,
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