

VBEA To End the 22 PD Mandate

In a speech to the School Board and Administration, VBEA President Kelly Walker questioned the reasoning for the 22 hours of mandated professional development for teachers. "The VBEA would like Administration and the School Board to consider decreasing the current 22 hours of professional development for teachers.

Understanding that the school calendar embeds professional development, it is appropriate that the number of mandated professional development hours be reduced for teachers.

Also, since the great recession, staff have had a lack of sufficient pay raises, an increase in class size and workload, a 5% pay deduction due to VRS contributions, and an increase in out-of-pocket health care expenses. It is time to alleviate the workload for those who

work so hard for our children every day. Consider reducing the 22 mandatory professional development hours for teachers. This measure will go a long way to attract and retain quality educators to Virginia Beach City Public Schools and would greatly boost teacher morale".

The recommendation to reduce or eliminate the number of mandated professional development hours is also part of the proposals that will be offered to School Board member and Administrators at the VBEA Roundtable discussion held on November 15, 2017 at Princess Anne High School Media Center.

Kelly Walker, VBEA President

VEA Lobby Day!



**Hold the Date---January 22, 2018
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accommodations and professional leave is
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**Call or e-mail the VBEA office to register!
(757) 486-0202 office@vbea.org**

VBEA Workshop Classroom Management

When: January 20, 2018

**Where: VBEA Office
445 Kings Grant Rd
Va. Beach, Va 23452**

Time: 9-12am

Register in Frontline



The Voice: Super Teacher Kaitlin Jensen!

By Kelly Walker

VBEA District Director Kaitlin Jensen, technology specialist at Cook Elementary school is featured in the November 2017 Virginia Journal of Education, the magazine of the Virginia Education Association.

The article "Tools of Opportunity" features several assessment tools for educators to use in the classroom. "All of the tools here provide data that easily exported to Excel or Google Sheets, and will produce reports that color-code right and wrong answers by student and question and, in addition, provide class averages on each question...time is always something we don't have enough of, so why not allow the computer to produce data which you can use to plan interventions and extensions to help meet student learning needs"? The tools Kaitlin has listed in her article are free too! Thank you Kaitlin for this informative article.

Katilin will also present information from her article at the Instruction and Professional Development Conference this weekend, November 17-18 at the Richmond Marriott.

Upcoming Events

- 10/12** Beach Bags Fundraiser Begins
- 11/20** Policy Committee Meeting 5pm
VBEA Office
- 11/21** School Board meeting, 6pm
Administration Building
- 11/22** Thanksgiving Break
- 12/6** Member Meeting
Princess Anne High School
- 12/13** VBEA Board Meeting 5pm
VBEA Office
- 12/19** School Board Meeting 6pm
Administration Building

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3824 E. Little Creek Rd. 583-5100
738 E. Bayview Blvd. 480-3663
3678 Sewells Point Rd. 857-0909
8245 Hampton Blvd. 423-3663

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