On Friday, April 23, our VEA bargaining team met with the district management bargaining team to talk about summer school and a possible extended 21-22 school year.

For summer school there are several areas that the VEA and district bargaining teams discussed and on which we are close to an agreement:

- Teachers who volunteer and are selected to teach summer school will receive their per diem rate of pay. This will be more than the standard extra duty hourly rate of $40.80. To figure out what your per diem rate is, find your yearly pay on the pay schedule, divide that by 187 workdays, divide again by 6.5 hours, this will give you your personal per diem rate. (**Yearly pay rate / 187 / 6.5 = your per diem hourly rate**)
- There will be a prep day and in-service day prior to the start of summer session.
- Currently summer school will start in June; the specific dates will be available when we have a signed agreement.
- We discussed a materials stipend for summer school teachers.

We will share more details when we have an agreement.

For a possible extended school year for 2021-2022:

- We are talking about several different calendar scenarios as well as an increase in compensation.
- Your VEA bargaining team knows how exhausted everyone is from this school year.
- We will be holding some town hall meetings to talk to you about possible scenarios and get your feedback in the upcoming weeks.

Rest assured your VEA team will continue to negotiate based on member input. We hope to get a strong agreement that reflects our members’ commitment to our students!