



Solidarity Report

Special Election Edition Solely For Members of the Volusia United Educators



Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year! We are excited to reconnect and continue working to build our power.

Click [HERE](#) to listen to a special message from Elizabeth!

Scroll to the message listed as 8/4/26.

New Year, New Solidarity Report

In order to provide a more comprehensive update and to better focus our communications, the Solidarity Report will now be published twice each month. The report will now be provided on the first and third weeks of the month, rather than weekly.

This updated schedule will allow us to provide more detailed information while continuing to keep you informed about bargaining, advocacy, and important district updates.

As always, time-sensitive updates and urgent action alerts will be shared as they happen, so you won't miss anything that requires your immediate attention. We are always advocating for our members!

Employee Benefits- Open Enrollment

The annual benefits enrollment period is currently open. Employees may make changes to benefits from now until August 20, 2026. To learn more about the benefits offered by VCS, please click [HERE](#).

It is important to consider the needs of your family when making benefits selections. The more costly plans may not always be the most effective. Health care is a very personal matter and you should be fully informed when making decisions.

Please remember that we are currently negotiating with the district and we have proposed that the district increase their contribution to the premiums to maintain the zero cost employee only plan. We will continue to provide updates on this item.

VUE Professional Learning

VUE is offering exclusive member-only no cost professional learning. To review the Fall Courses, click [HERE](#).

School Board Elections

This election cycle, three seats on the Volusia County School Board are on the ballot: Districts 1, 3, and 5.

The races for Districts 3 and 5 will be decided in the August 18 primary election. In District 1, a candidate must receive more than 50% plus 1 of the votes to win outright. If no candidate reaches that threshold, the top two candidates will advance to the November General Election, where the winner will be determined.

It is important to do your research and to cast your vote if you live in these districts. Early voting begins on August 8th and ends on August 15th. For more information on voting locations, please click [HERE](#). Do your homework and make a plan to vote. Our future depends on it.

VUE has endorsed the following candidates for Volusia County School Board;

District 1, Brenda Beery
District 3, Grace Kellermeier
District 5, Dean Condon

Important Reminders

Here are a few important contractual reminders for preplanning.

- Administration is only allowed to use HALF of the time during preplanning for meetings. Thirteen (13) hours shall be provided to instructional personnel to work in your rooms or on items you deem appropriate. If you are scheduled for more than 13 hours of meetings, please let us know.
- You are to be provided a 1-hour duty free lunch. Working lunches are prohibited.
- You cannot be mandated to install ANY APPS on your personal phone. If you are being asked to install Parent Square on your phone, please contact the VUE office.
- Supplements are not automatic. It must be offered and agreed upon during preplanning. A Supplement Performance Order must be signed in order to receive payment for the duties.
- Supervisory duties DO NOT begin prior to the contractual work day. If you are being asked to begin a duty prior to your contractual day, it is an Additional Duty Supplement and paid at a slightly higher rate of pay.

