



**Stronger Together**

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# VESTA Weekly

Topics Worth Talking about! Please read and discuss with your colleagues.

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated*

### June 27

TTOC BBQ/Swap Meet

### Summer Hours

VESTA office open  
July 4–14, 9am–3pm

Office closed

July 17–August 18

Office re-opens

August 21, 9am–3pm



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## Collaborative Inquiry

The first deadline for Collaborative Inquiry was June 16 and the District Pro-D Committee is meeting this week to review the applications. If you are part of an inquiry group, you should be informed of the status of your application shortly. Remember that no applications are denied, but that you may be asked to rewrite your question. Also, note that there is a new and separate form for Cross District applications. If you have not yet applied, the next deadline is September 15. The final deadline is October 27.

The [application](#) and [guidelines](#) are posted on the VESTA website.

## Water Testing and Water Fountains in Schools

At last night's Committee II meeting an update was provided about water testing and water fountains in schools. In schools where water has been previously tested at or above acceptable levels for lead, the fountains need to be regularly flushed (either daily or weekly). As it is not possible to flush every water source in a school for the required five minutes, the District is planning on closing off several drinking fountains at the 85 schools that were built before 1990. The plan is to leave at least one fountain per floor that is centrally located for students to access. School administrators will be meeting with building engineers to determine which fountains will be closed. The Board will also provide signs for sinks to inform the school community about the need to run the water daily for five minutes or until cold. The signs should be up in schools by the end of the summer.

## Reminder to Retiring Teachers

If you have teaching resources that you would like to donate for the VESTA TTOC barbeque please drop them off at the VESTA office on Monday, June 26, 8am–4pm.