

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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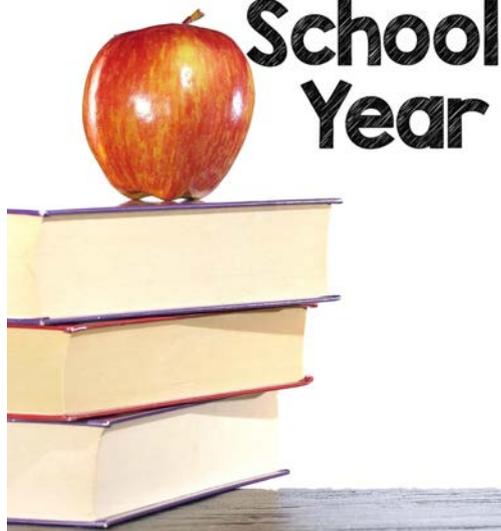
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Celebrating
the end of the
**School
Year**



President's Message

Have a great summer, everyone!

It's been a very busy year here at the CTA and there have been many significant challenges in school sites around issues like reporting, remedy, new curriculum implementation, TTOC shortages, Continuing Ed matters and a host of individual and varied concerns.

We have been honoured to work with the membership this year and look forward to your return in the fall and working with you again. Thanks particularly to all the Staff Reps that kept us informed of all the various concerns members had in 2017-18. We truly could not do this work without you.

Thanks also to our CTA Executive for the work they've done supporting teachers in 2017-18. Immeasurable gratitude to our hard-working and diligent office staff, Kelly Roberts, Pat Adolf, Kelly Stewart, Heidi Davis and Soula Paquet; you've made all of the work we've done possible this year.

Lastly, thanks to every CTA member for the work they've done in support of students in 2017-18. Please take the time to regroup, recharge and enjoy some time with family and friends. We will see you all in the Fall of 2018!

Congratulations to Coquitlam teacher **Haymen Leong** who was appointed to the BCTF Finance Committee for a three-year term and also to **Amanda Long** who was appointed to the BCTF Working & Learning Conditions / Bargaining Advisory Committee for a three year term. These positions involve attending meetings at the BCTF three to four times a year with other representatives from across B.C. and bring Coquitlam teachers' voices to the provincial table. Thank-you for your time to these committees.



SUMMER BENEFITS

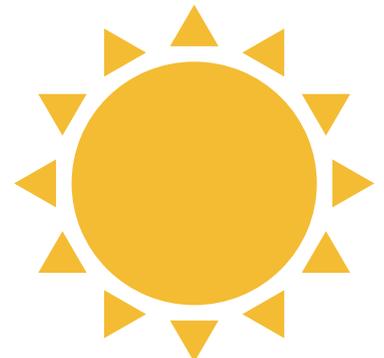
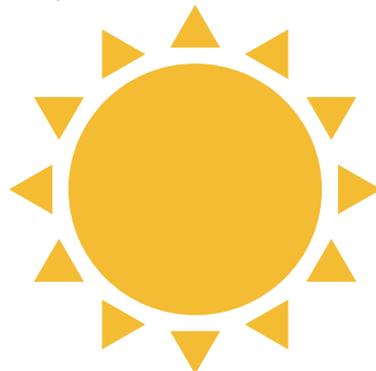
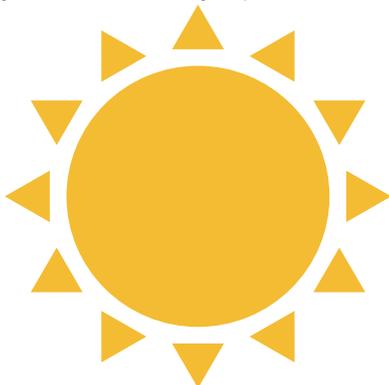
Continuing teachers are triple deducted for their benefits on their June paycheque for coverage in July, August and September (you always pay for benefits a month in advance).

Teachers with continuing status as of June 30 should be triple deducted for benefits since they are converting to continuing status by the end of this school year. If you are not triple deducted on your final pay June 30 and believe you should have been, you can contact benefits@sd43.bc.ca to inquire.

Those who are in temporary contracts and will not convert this school year should be single deducted for July benefits and should be contacted by the district prior to July 31, 2018 with an option to sign up for summer benefits (August and September) as a TTOC.

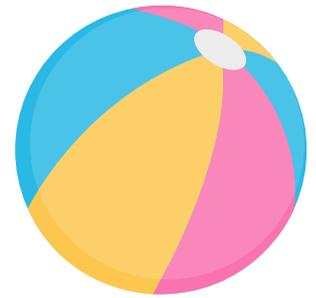
Those who post into a contract starting in September will be deducted in September for October benefits and so on and so forth moving forward.

Your June 30 pay stub will indicate your deductions and therefore your coverage for the summer months. The district and CTA offices are open part of July should you have any questions about this process.



CTA SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the summer months, the CTA office will be open until **Friday, July 13th** and starting up again on **Monday, August 27th**. Members needing assistance during the summer vacation, when the CTA office is closed, can leave a message on the CTA voice mail. Messages are checked regularly throughout the summer.



Did you know there might be changes to our voting systems?

How BC votes: 2018 referendum on electoral reform

A referendum will be conducted in fall 2018 through a mail-out ballot and must take place by Nov. 30, 2018. Results are binding at 50%+1 of the vote provincewide.

If a new voting system is approved, legislation will be introduced in time for any provincial election held after July 1, 2021.

Voting Systems

Voting systems are important to democratic societies. Countries around the world use different voting systems to elect their political representatives. Each voting system has different features, so how a voting system is designed influences how a society will be governed. By choosing a voting system, we are shaping our democracy.

This website [<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/howwewote/>] will provide you with information about B.C.'s current voting system, commonly called First Past the Post (FPTP), as well as three of the major Proportional Representation voting systems and one semi-proportional system used elsewhere in the world.

The Local Representatives at the BCTF 2018 Winter Rep Assembly passed a motion about this.

That the Federation:

- 1. encourage locals and members to participate in the consultation process and to advocate for a change to BC's current "first past the post" provincial election model.**
- 2. work with other unions and community groups to advocate for a change to the current model.**
- 3. provide information on options for voting systems to locals and members.**

Details of the consultation process and lots more information can be found on the BC government's How We Vote website. <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/howwewote/>

June is always a time to reflect on the school year and plan ahead. While it sounds far off, many PSAs have already started planning for October PSA Day! Conferences featured here have all been submitted by CTA members who are directly involved with PSAs. Check them out!

"IF YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE, LET OTHERS LIGHT THEIR CANDLES IN IT" – MARGARET FULLER, AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR



CARPE TEACHUM!
Engaging Learners

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018
8:30-1:30 PM
PINETREE SECONDARY, COQUITLAM

New and Experienced teachers come together for a day of learning and play. Practical workshops in the area of SEL, Curriculum and Co-operative learning

Early Bird Price \$95
(\$65 for TTOC and Student Teachers)

<https://becla.ourconference.ca/>

<https://bcecta.wordpress.com/pro-d-opportunities/>



CUEBC CONFERENCE 2018
October 19-20, 2018

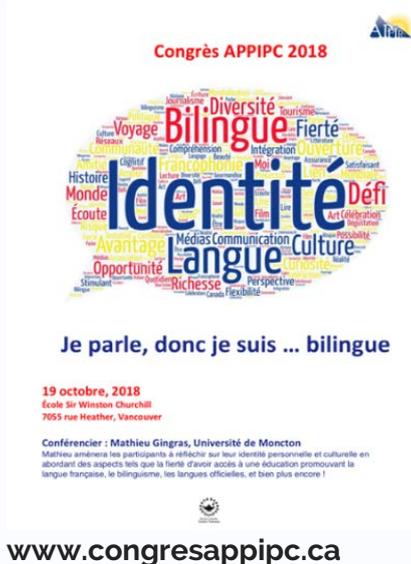
British Columbia's foremost educational technology professional development experience for K-12 teachers of all skill levels

2018 Keynote @TracyPoelzer

Friday, October 19 - Frank Hurt Secondary - Surrey, BC
Saturday, October 20 - Telus World of Science - Vancouver, BC

REGISTER TODAY AT:
CUEBC.CA

<http://cuebc.ca/cue/2018/04/25/cuebc-conference-2018/>



Congrès APPICP 2018

Identité

Je parle, donc je suis ... bilingue

19 octobre, 2018
École Sir Winston Churchill
7055 rue Heather, Vancouver

Conférencier : Mathieu Gingras, Université de Moncton

www.congresappipc.ca



Oct. 19-20 2018 Langara College Vancouver, BC
presented by The British Columbia Art Teachers' Association

ON THE THRESHOLD

<https://www.bcata.ca/>



BCSSTA
BRITISH COLUMBIA
SOCIAL STUDIES
TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

THE BCSSTA'S ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Friday October 19, 2018
Vancouver Technical Secondary

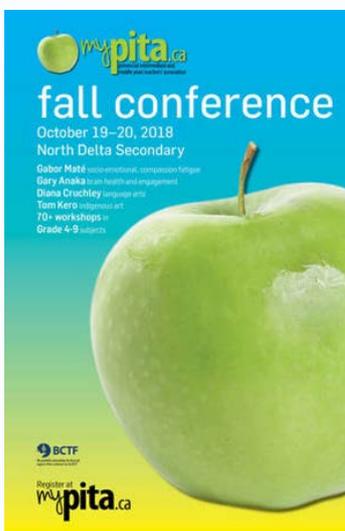
Our Conference Theme this year is
Building a Better Tomorrow: Acting Now for a Brighter Future

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION: <https://bcsstaconference.ca/>
Workshop Proposals, Exhibitors and Sponsors: Apply here!

Brought to you in partnership with the Peace and Global Educators PSA

The BCSSTA is proud to announce our Keynote speaker for 2018:
NAOMI KLEIN

<https://bcsstawordpress.com/10-2/>



myPita.ca
fall conference

October 19-20, 2018
North Delta Secondary

Gabor Maté
Gary Anaka
Diana Cruchley
Tom Kero

70+ workshops in
Grade 4-9 subjects

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Wishing you a very relaxing summer with time to reconnect with friends and family. - Holly

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Teachers interested in the following committees should go onto our website for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office by: **Monday, September 10, 2018.**



If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.

New Westminster & District Labour Council

- 8 CTA reps

CTA PD Committee

- 1 elem. rep, 1 secondary reps

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 5 members-at-large

CTA Policies & Procedures Committee

- 1 member-at-large

District Student Services Advisory Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District French Advisory Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

- 4 CTA reps

District Review Panel Committee

- 1 CTA rep

District Technology Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA reps

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

- 3 CTA reps



UPCOMING EVENTS: submit your details to kstewart@cta43.org for posting.

BCTF Summer Conference Tuesday-Friday, August 21 -24

 **SEPTEMBER**

School Year Begins Tuesday, September 4

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, September 5

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, September 12

CTA Retirement Reception (PoCo Inn & Suites) Thursday, September 13

BCTF Staff Rep Training Thur/Tues/Thurs Sept 13/18/20

PD Training (after school) Tuesday, September 18

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, September 19

District PD Day Friday, September 21

*Back issues of the previous school year CTA Newsletters can be found on our website.



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The CTA can be found on Facebook and Twitter. You can also email us or check out the website

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