

# COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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**Coquitlam  
Teachers'  
Association**

## *President's Message*

### **October 20th Municipal Election**

I do seem like a bit of a broken record (for anyone out there who still knows what that simile means) but, the reason I keep coming at this subject is the importance of it to our working lives. Local politicians, particularly school trustees, are tasked with serious budget considerations and I'll outline a couple decisions made locally, good and bad, that school trustees made. First, the bad, school trustees oversaw the budget when there was \$13.4 million lost in the couch cushions in 2014-15. Repaying that has subsequently affected multiple budgets and it is great that debt has been retired. Secondly, the good. School trustees oversaw the decision to finally end layoff in this district. Locally, this was the single most destructive force of the whole campaign to under-fund public education by the previous government. So, despite the fact trustees sometimes are hampered in their ability to do the right thing by government fiat, they are still able to make many good decisions and are key to advocacy around funding for education. I'll point out the 90+% of a school district budget goes to staffing the district. Thus, electing trustees supportive of our vision of public education is very important. Advance polls are up, check your city's website for information on locations and times and New Westminster District Labour Council @ <http://www.nwdlc.ca/>.

### **Remedy**

The CTA is in discussion with the employer regarding the disposition of Remedy support for teachers in this school year. There is nothing to announce concretely at this stage but we are working towards a formal arrangement that will expire at the end of this school year.



Vote for these endorsed school trustee candidates

The municipal elections have arrived. Advance voting is open in most communities across the province and general election day is October 20. In several communities across BC, local teachers' associations are encouraging teachers to vote for specific school trustee candidates:

<https://www.bctf.ca/2018TrusteeElections/>

These lists were made by locals according to their own democratic structures. In other communities, labour councils have identified candidates teachers can consider supporting.

Our students need trustees who will be advocates for public education, promote safe and inclusive schools, and work with teachers in a collaborative manner. Please check to see if your community has a list of endorsed candidates. Take a screen grab, jot the names down, or print out the relevant page from the PDF, and take the list to the polling station with you. Remember, if you're planning to travel to a professional development conference on October 19, please make sure to vote before you go.

**Coquitlam**

**City of Coquitlam  
2018 General Local Election  
All Candidates Meetings**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018  
(School Trustee SD43 candidates only)**

Host: District 43 Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)  
Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm  
Location: Winslow Centre – Gym (110 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam)  
Contact: [office@dpac43.org](mailto:office@dpac43.org)

- No registration required.
- The evening will be structured as a "meet & greet" style event.
- Drop in anytime from 6:30-8:00pm.
- Meet and talk to the candidates vying for a position as School Trustee for your city.

**Other Opportunities for Candidates**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018  
(Mayor and Councillor candidates only)**

Host: Coquitlam Public Library  
Time: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Coquitlam Public Library – City Centre Branch (1169 Pinetree Way)  
Contact: Anthea Goffe  
Phone: 604-554-7347 Email: [agoffe@coqlibrary.ca](mailto:agoffe@coqlibrary.ca)

- Library All-Candidate Meet & Greet
- This will be an informal drop-in program at the Library, where residents can talk to individual candidates one on one

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018  
(All candidates)**

Host: Coquitlam Farmers Market Society  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Location: Coquitlam Farmers Market  
Contact: Sarah Kinsman  
Email: [events@makebakegrow.com](mailto:events@makebakegrow.com)

- This will be an informal event, giving residents a chance to meet the Mayor, Councillor, and School Trustee candidates face to face prior to the election

\*Please note that this list may be updated between now and October 20<sup>th</sup>, for the latest schedule of meetings please refer to [Coquitlam.ca/elections](http://Coquitlam.ca/elections).

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## 2018 Referendum: Voting Systems

A voting system is how we elect representatives to a legislature. In provincial elections, the voting system elects Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs). The Legislative Assembly (legislature) is where provincial laws are made.

There are many different voting systems. Each one has different rules about how voters cast their ballot, how votes are counted, and how votes translate into seats in the legislature.

The voting systems on the referendum ballot are:

- ◆ First Past the Post (FPTP)
- ◆ Dual Member Proportional (DMP)
- ◆ Mixed Member Proportional (MMP)
- ◆ Rural-Urban Proportional (RUP)

For more information visit:

<https://elections.bc.ca/referendum/voting-systems/voting-systems/>

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What is Proportional Representation?

Learn more at:

<https://www.fairvote.ca/proportional-representation/>



## The Mentorship Retreat

Last month brought mentors and new colleagues together for whole group training sessions, one on one learning forward conversations and smaller workshop groups. It incorporated collaboration, ADST curriculum, makerspace, First Peoples Principles of Learning, cooperative learning, team building, and working with the revised curriculum, using a variety of strategies that model diverse learning and community connections. Its so great to see support for the mentorship program in our district.

Many thanks to all who participated and planned this amazing weekend.



## Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education winners announced

On World Teachers' Day last week, Premier John Horgan announced the nine inaugural winners of the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education. At the ceremony, the Premier said he was grateful for educators' "commitment to making life better for students in British Columbia both in the classroom and their communities." For more information on the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education and to view videos of all 27 finalists, visit [www.gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation](http://www.gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation).





## Ignite43 is back!

**When:** November 28th, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Samz Neighbourhood Pub in Port Coquitlam

**Theme:** Creating Balance

We are currently looking for 10 presenters to join us to share their ideas for **"Creating Balance"**. If you've ever thought about presenting and wonder what it would be like, this is the perfect opportunity to try! The audience size is purposefully small and always supportive. Presentation length is limited to 5 minutes.

### What is an Ignite?

"Ignite" is a PD evening event hosted at a local venue with amazing presenters, lively conversation and great food. Presenters are given 5 minutes to present their idea, with a maximum 20 slides rotating automatically every 15 seconds. The intention is to spark or 'ignite' an idea and allow time to discuss and share ideas between presentations.

### "Creating Balance"

How do you create balance in your classroom? Consider your practice through this lens: how do you include all learners, blend core and curricular competencies, maintain your health and well-being, mentor, integrate new technology... what have you learned on your journey about balance?



BALANCE  
IS NOT SOMETHING YOU  
FIND  
IT'S SOMETHING YOU  
CREATE

Jana Kingsford  
www.MumsJugglingAct.com



Working towards certification as a teacher librarian? If you are an SD43 teacher and taking TL courses, the **Coquitlam Teacher Librarians' Association** offers support for coursework. Contact Diane Silzer at Charles Best for more info.  
[dsilzer@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dsilzer@sd43.bc.ca)



Join this free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

**IndEdu200x: Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education**

Engage with Indigenous knowledge keepers, educational leaders, and resources to enhance your understanding and knowledge of practices that advance reconciliation in the places where you live, learn, and work.

**ABOUT THIS COURSE**  
This course will help you envision how Indigenous histories, perspectives, worldviews, and approaches to learning can be made part of the work we do in classrooms, organizations, communities, and our everyday experiences in ways that are thoughtful and respectful. In this course, reconciliation emphasizes changing institutional structures, practices, and policies, as well as personal and professional ideologies to create environments that are committed to strengthening our relationships with Indigenous peoples.  
For educators, this means responding to educational reforms that prioritize improved educational outcomes for Indigenous learners. In addition, educators must support all learners to develop their knowledge and understanding of Indigenous peoples' worldviews and cultures as a basis for creating equitable and inclusive learning spaces. To support these goals, teachers, administrators, young people, school staff, and researchers will learn from Indigenous Elders, educational leaders, and culturally relevant learning resources as part of their experiences in this MOOC.  
For others who want to build their own competence and the capacity of those around them to engage in relationships with Indigenous peoples based on intercultural understanding, empathy, and respect, this course will help get you started in this process.

LEARN MORE  
[pdce.educ.ubc.ca/reconciliation](http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/reconciliation)

Registrar at:	www.edx.org
Course code:	IndEdu200x
Instructor:	Dr. Jan Hare
Course Dates:	Oct 23 - Dec 4, 2018
Length:	6 weeks
Estimated time:	2-4 hours/week

Each topic is structured with lectures, conversations with Elders and knowledge keepers; dialogues with educators and scholars that inform practice; teaching examples; and curriculum and educational resources.

There will also be activities and assessment exercises designed to bring together and consolidate new understandings that emerge through the course.

- Week 1: Indigenous Education Through the Lens of Reconciliation
- Week 2: History of Indigenous Education
- Week 3: Learning from Indigenous Worldviews
- Week 4: Learning from Story
- Week 5: Learning from the Land
- Week 6: Engaging in Respectful Relations

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# 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, October 22, 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**

- 4 CTA reps

## **District Student Wellness & Safety Committee**

- 3 CTA reps

## **District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee**

- 1 CTA rep



**UPCOMING EVENTS:** submit your details to [kstewart@cta43.org](mailto:kstewart@cta43.org) for posting.

## OCTOBER

Provincial PD Day (Provincial PSA Day) Friday, October 19

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, October 24

## NOVEMBER

BCTF Representative Assembly Fri-Sat, November 2 & 3

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, November 7

Curriculum Implementation Day Friday, November 9

Remembrance Day Stat Monday, November 12

CTA Rep Assembly/General Meeting-Winslow Gallery Room Wednesday, Nov. 14

CTA Executive Committee Wednesday, November 21

New Teacher and TTOC SURT Training Tues/Wed/Thur November 20/21/22

CTA New Teacher Induction Thursday, November 22

BC Federation of Labour Convention Mon-Fri, November 26-30

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



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[www.coquitlamteachers.com](http://www.coquitlamteachers.com)

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