

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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**CTA Local Agreement
Ratification VOTE**

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ON LOCAL
MATTERS
AGREEMENT**

President's Message

POSTINGS

The employer is having some difficulties with the Job Shop and some other parts of its website. They are aware of the problem and are working on it. Know that it doesn't matter when you apply on a posting; first day or next Thursday at 3:59 is the same. The list of people applying isn't generated until after the posting closes.

IMPORTANT: Make sure your qualifications and willing to teach form is updated with the district. Accurate and relevant information gives you the best chance to be selected for an interview.

The number of P1 applicants is higher this year than usual but, that doesn't mean that anyone should not post, from any priority band. I've seen positions blow through 1, 2, 3 and land on a P4 in the past. It's not super common but not unheard of enough to recommend against anyone posting on work they can do.

CTA WEBSITE

If you are having problems accessing the bargaining updates or anything on the CTA website, please let us know at the office. We are encountering some problems with some SD computers and certain SD email addresses. We will help you get access by other means, if you let us know.

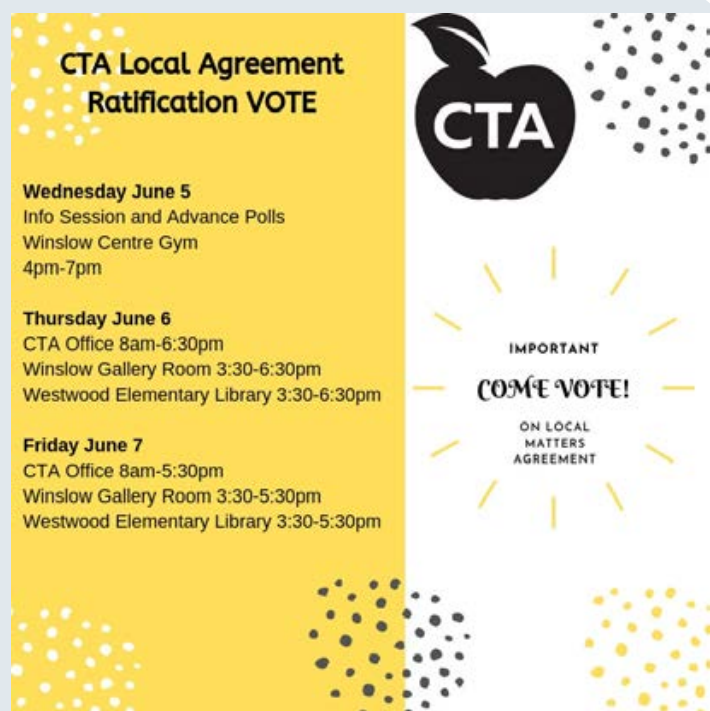
CTA UPDATES

We hope to see all teachers come out to ratify our Local Matters Agreement. If you missed our Year End General Meeting May 15, you should speak to your staff rep about the details of this agreement, review it yourself on our CTA portal and/or plan to attend our Info Session at Winslow Gym on Wednesday, June 5 where we will open advance polls and review the details of our local bargaining agreement.

Your Vote Matters! Please make time to cast your ballot!

Voting is easy, you can come during polling hours to one of our polling locations June 5,6 or 7 and sign in with a member of our executive committee who will give you your ballot and answer any questions you have about ratification.

A reminder that items such as salary, leaves, benefits and class size and composition fall on the provincial table to bargain and you can read updates on that progression on the BCTF portal: bctf.ca Once the provincial parties reach a deal, we will hold a ratification vote on all the changes to the collective agreement.



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BARGAINING

On Friday May 17, **Amanda Long, CTA First Vice President** attended Provincial Bargaining at the BCTF building as an observer in her role as the BCTF Working and Learning Conditions Bargaining Advisory Committee Chairperson. She attended a bargaining session between the BCTF Bargaining Team and the BCPSEA Bargaining Team and was permitted to bring back information to the local membership "in committee."

To read her report, please visit the CTA portal, Member Resources, General Information.

Save the Dates

Resource Fair

Hosted by the TTOC Committee

June 6th



Winslow Gym

4 – 6pm

From 4 – 4:30pm come enjoy some snacks, enter for door prizes, mingle with colleagues, and ask questions. There will be presentations by Nadine Tambellini, Dan Proden, and Tamara Sengotta about the posting process, how to read your pay cheque, and mentoring opportunities. The resource fair will officially open at 4:30pm.

Hope to see you there!

RESOURCE DONATION CHECKLIST: IS IT.....

- Current
- Gently used
- Relevant to curriculum
- Kindergarten to Grade 12

YES Resources	NO Thank you
✓ Novels	× Textbooks
✓ Curricular Guides	× Photocopied units and lessons
✓ Manipulatives	× Magazines
✓ Games	× Newspapers
✓ Organizational Bins/Storage	× Binders
✓ Craft Supplies	× Posters
✓ Centre activities	× Anything laminated
✓ Classroom decor	

YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE RESOURCES. WHAT'S NEXT?

First of all, thank you for donating and supporting our new teachers! The Resource Fair is on **Thursday, June 6th starting at 4pm**. Donations can be dropped off at the Winslow Centre Gym that day. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact: Geoffrey at gkehrig@sd43.bc.ca or Kara at kobolski@cta43.org



*recirculated on behalf of The BCTF

The TQS Graduate Degree Capstone Requirement Has Been Eliminated

Effective May 1, 2019 an acceptable graduate degree no longer requires a capstone. All other requirements of an acceptable graduate degree are still in place. This change does not affect graduate degrees that contain an initial teacher education program.

If you are currently in TQS category five plus with an acceptable master's degree you **MUST** apply to the TQS to be considered for an upgrade. No upgrades will be processed automatically. Complete the "Category Upgrade" application on our website and follow the instructions for upgrading. If you have already forwarded transcripts to our office in the past, you need not send them again.

If you are currently in TQS category five or lower with an acceptable graduate degree, this change will not affect your category placement, but may affect your upgrading requirements. If you are in category five or lower with an acceptable graduate degree and require clarification on whether this change will affect your upgrading requirements, please inquire through the "Contact Us" page on our website <https://www.tqs.bc.ca/>

Get engaged with the bargaining process

Last week, the BCTF launched an email campaign to help put every member in touch with their local NDP MLA and the Premier. The **simple-to-use form** takes less than two minutes and will help the Bargaining Team get the current concessions of the table.

If you're on Twitter, please **like and retweet this series of tweets** from the BCTF. The Bargaining Team needs your ongoing support to tell the MLAs and Cabinet to give BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) new marching orders.

2019 BCTF Curriculum Change and Implementation Survey

The BCTF invites you to share your experiences implementing BC's redesigned curriculum in your classroom and school. The results from the survey will be used to help teachers and the BCTF make critical assessments of curriculum change over time and continue to advocate for a teacher-led process that enhances public education in BC. This includes working to get you the resources, time, and support you need for the coming school year. Please **click here** to participate in this short survey before June 5.



Are You Retiring This Year?

Congratulations! BC Retired Teachers' Association (BCRTA) and local Coquitlam Branch (CRTA) invite you to test drive membership for a year, for free!

As a BCRTA/ CRTA member, you will have access to a wide range of extended health plan benefits, travel insurance, consumer and travel discounts, and many retirement resources. You will be part of an organization that stands up for pension rights, public education and seniors. You will also find new opportunities for personal connections and learning experiences. It only takes five minutes to join. Go to www.bcrta.ca click on join.

Welcome aboard!

Opportunities for Members

The deadline for applications for Women in Negotiations (WIN) is fast approaching! Please encourage any interested members to apply. The posting for WIN facilitators may be found on the BCTF website at:

bctf.ca/OpportunitiesforMembers.aspx.

The deadline is May 24, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

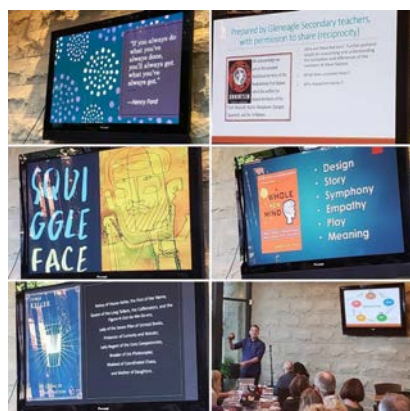


Our Spring #Ignite43 "Explore" was great success!

Thank you to all our fabulous presenters: **Ken Christensen** (CTA), **Jeff Christensen** (Eagle Mountain), **Jocelyn Deck** (Dr.Charles Best), **Terri Galligos** (Aboriginal Ed), **Angie Lundin** (Roy Stibbs), **Geoffrey Kehrig** (TTOC), **Kelsey Keller** (Baker Drive), **Amanda Long** (CTA), **Emily Pitman** (Pinetree Secondary) and **Trish Quan** (Kway). Thank you to **Jacqueline Favelle** (Mountain View) for hosting and to **James Gill** for taking on the dual role of emcee and presenter.

The "Explorers" in the room engaged the audience with their stories, giving us lots to think about, and sparked rich conversations.

A big shout out to our sponsor partners, Continuing Education and SD43 for helping make this event possible.



TRIBES 2019

What: A 24-hour experiential process of achieving community in the classroom by working together to reach the same goal, while coming to understand the meaning of accountability through demonstrating not only a responsibility to one's own learning, but also the learning of the other members of the classroom. The Tribes TLC model encompasses all the Core Competencies of Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social. Maximum number is 30 participants.

Where: Gilmore Community School, Burnaby

When: August 19, 2019 to August 22, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$350.00 includes the textbook and refreshments.

Deadline: June 24, 2019

For more information contact Sandra Sokugawa at 604 296 9013 or email Sandra.Sokugawa@burnabyschools.ca

TWS Urban Writer's Retreat: Summer 2019

Would you like to dedicate a week to your writing this summer?

The **Writer's Studio** is pleased to host an Urban Writer's Retreat, which is an opportunity to spend four distraction-free days on your writing. Intended for emerging and established writers looking to start or develop a writing project, this retreat will allow you to learn from published authors, participate in structured writing time, work in a supportive community of writers and participate in optional social events (see below for schedule). Plus, you don't have to worry about packing a lunch; we'll provide that as well. This is an opportunity for you to take time off work and dedicate it to your writing.

You can find more information about the retreat, including schedule and cost, here: www.sfu.ca/continuing-studies/courses/cpw/TWS-urban-retreat.html

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 (padolf@cta43.org) by:
Monday, May 27, 2019.

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

CTA PD Committee

- 1 elementary rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 4 members-at-large

CTA Policies & Procedures Committee

- 2 members-at-large

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

- 2 Secondary reps, 2 Middle reps, 2 Elementary reps

District Student Services Advisory Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District French Advisory Committee

- 3 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

- 4 CTA reps

District Review Panel Committee

- 1 CTA rep

District Technology Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA rep

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA rep

New Westminster & District Labour Council

- 5 CTA reps





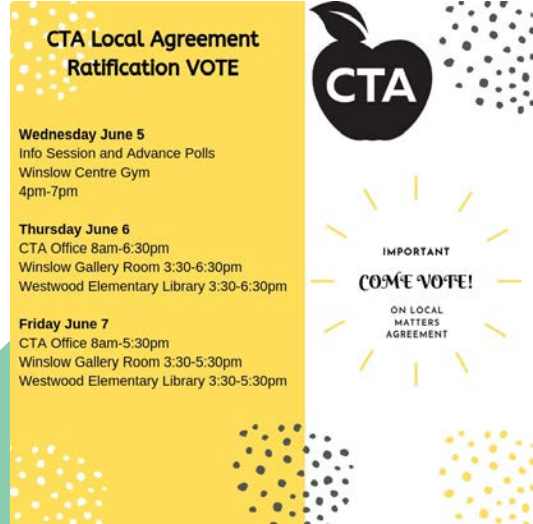
UPCOMING EVENTS: submit your details to kstewart@cta43.org for posting.

MAY

CTA Old/New Executive Committee Wednesday, **May 29**
BCTF Representative Assembly Fri -Sat, **May 31 & June 1**

JUNE

Info Session/Ratification Vote Wednesday, **June 5**
Resource Fair Thursday, **June 6**
Ratification Vote Thursday, **June 6**
Ratification Vote, Friday, **June 7**
CTA Old/New Executive Committee Wednesday, **June 12**
School Year Ends – Administrative Day Friday, **June 28**



June	
1:	Injured Workers' Day
2-8:	Canadian Environment Week
5:	World Environment Day
9:	Canadian Rivers Day
12:	World Day Against Child Labour
20:	World Refugee Day
21:	National Indigenous Peoples' Day
27:	Canadian Multiculturalism Day



*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

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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