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SD43 Mentorship

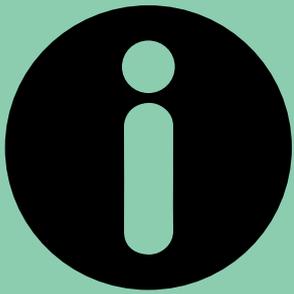
President's Message

Tamara Sengotta presented to the Executive a summary of some of the accomplishments of the SD43 Mentoring Network. The CTA having been very involved from the inception of the first Mentoring Support Teacher assigned to this (who was Tamara) to the 8 MSTs now working to the dozens of teachers at all stages of their careers working as mentors and mentees, to the \$10,000 we assigned in our budget to support this program, it's been a spectacular success and shows what can be accomplished when the Union and Management have shared goals and common commitment. Thanks go out to everyone involved for producing a first class local program in this area of need.

Heat Issues

It is the time of year where we see an uptick in the number of complaints about overly hot buildings. To review, there is not one set temperature that is too hot, there is a complex calculation based upon temperature, relative humidity and even the state of dress and effort of those in the space. These rules are called ASHRAE Standards for Human Comfort. Thus it isn't as easy to just say, "It is X temperature in here and that isn't allowed." What can be done is, as always, the matter can be referred to the OHS committee in the school and, even in advance of that, to the administration. It is up to administration to put in work orders and chase them to completion. It is suggested that both things are done simultaneously because, there will be delay if the meeting isn't happening for several weeks. The employer can move people around from worst-affected areas, if there is space, move any fans the school owns into spaces that need them, etc. There is not a simple, easy button here; often the worst-affected buildings are old, with tired HVAC systems that are frequently breaking down, etc. Continued work with OHS has resulted in the district allocating resources to repair or replace aging infrastructure in sites, though.

STAFF REP & PD REP NAMES NEEDED 2019/20!

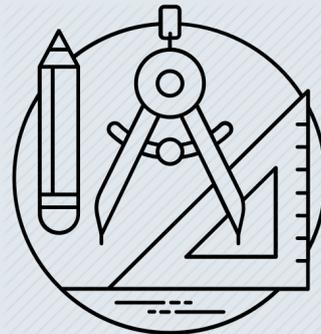


In order to plan for Training Sessions we will need the names and member counts **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. School staffs should be selecting their CTA Staff Reps and PD Reps for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

Please forward those names to the CTA office by emailing padolf@cta43.org. Thank you!

School District Design Committee

The district is seeking 4 elementary teachers to serve on the **School District Design Committee** for new elementary schools. The Design Team will work with the Architect and Facilities Personnel to provide feedback on designing new elementary schools in School District # 43. The time commitment will be approximately 2-3 meetings per month from 3:30 - 5:30 pm over a period of approximately 3-4 months during the fall of 2019/early 2020. There will also be documents and drawings to review between meetings. Send your CV form to padolf@cta43.org.



CTA RETIREMENT RECEPTION

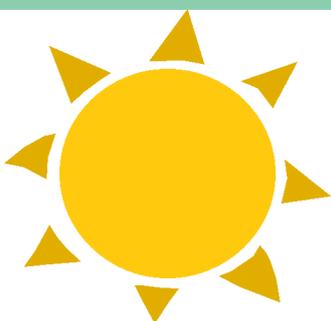
The annual CTA/CPVPA Fall Retirement Reception celebrating Coquitlam's retiring teachers and administrators will be held:

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2019

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Place: Poco Inn & Suites (PoCo Room)

Reception

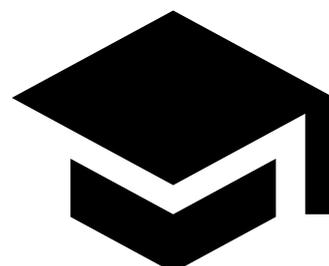


ROY KRUTOW Scholarships

Each year the CTA awards TWO Roy Krutow Scholarships of \$1250.00 to the graduating child of a teacher employed by School District #43 or to the child of a retired or deceased teacher employed by School District #43 at the time of retirement or death. Eligible candidates can attend ANY public school in British Columbia.

Criteria: Academic achievement (in case of a tie, school involvement will be considered)

Application Deadline: July 1, 2019



There is a Workers Compensation System Review taking place!

The BCFED Occupational Health & Safety Standing Committee Workers' Compensation Advocacy Group needs feedback from workers.

Workers can attend public hearings and/or complete a survey. Information for both can be found : <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/workerscompensationreview/>

The questionnaire will be open until July 19, 2019 at 4pm.

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Stay up-to-date on BCTF bargaining

With less than three weeks to go until the expiry of our collective agreement, there has been a lot of media attention on the state of talks. Remember to check the MyBCTF portal frequently between now and June 30 to make sure you have the most up-to-date information. If there is no deal by June 30, the BCTF's intention is to keep negotiating through the summer and into the fall if necessary. The most recent update from June 7 is online. Talks are ongoing, so be sure to check the portal every few days for any further updates.

You can also listen to and share a recent CKNW interview with BCTF President Glen Hansman about the key issues.

All members have access to the portal and need to log in using their BCTF Member ID. For members who have never accessed the portal before, click the "Sign up now" button when you first arrive at MyBCTF. If you don't know your BCTF Member ID, you can register for the first time with your employee number. Please check your contact information is up-to-date while you are there.

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Check out early bird pricing for PSA Pro-D Day 2019

While the current school year may be coming to a close, planning is already well under way for the BCTF's Provincial Specialist Association Day on October 25, 2019. Most school districts schedule a non-instructional day on the third Friday of October to help facilitate teacher attendance at one of the conferences organized by our 32 provincial specialist associations (PSAs). Most PSAs have already listed information about their fall 2019 conferences on the BCTF Professional Development Calendar here. Many of them have early bird pricing in effect, so now is a good time to check out what is available.

These events wouldn't happen without the amazing volunteerism and dedication of hundreds of members around the province who serve on PSA executives and conference committees. If you haven't checked out a PSA conference before, 2019 is your chance!



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1.844.880.9142 or
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COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Teachers interested in the following committees should go onto our website or click [here](#) for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office (padolf@cta43.org)

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 Student Wellness & Safety Committee

- 2 CTA reps

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

- 1 CTA rep

District Elementary Design Committee

- 4 Elementary reps

New Westminster & District Labour Council

- 5 CTA reps



CONGRATULATIONS

to **Alan Soiseth** (Learning Services) on being appointed to the District Technology Advisory Committee!

For Retirement announcements go to:

<https://my432016.sd43.bc.ca/Departments/CommunityRelations/default.aspx>



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

JUNE

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



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION SD43

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