

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

MyED Data Refreshes

Some teachers have raised concerns with planned MyEd BC data refreshes coinciding with reporting, December 7 and 8. The CTA has reached out to the employer and asked if this refresh can be postponed. The employer reports that they had already noted the problem and made the request to put the scheduled refresh off until the holiday break. This request has been approved and notification should be forthcoming shortly.

Action in Victoria!

CTA officers and additional teachers will be going to Victoria this weekend to engage with the NDP at their convention in the Empress Hotel. We will also be doing the business of the Representative Assembly while we are over there. EC recommendations and local resolutions will be debated and decided upon. Wish us luck as we work to advance the cause of bargaining!

New BCTF Ads

A new BCTF ad campaign launched this week, focusing on failures to fill and the teacher shortage in British Columbia. This campaign will be on radio, and social media across the province. You can help out by sharing the ads on social media. Sharing is way more effective than just liking, as it broadens the audience to your friend group as well.

Yours, in Solidarity,
Ken

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Information Meetings

IMPORTANT BARGAINING INFORMATION
ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5, 2019
MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2019



Silver City Theatre - Auditorium 10

4:00 - 6:00 PM

170 Schoolhouse Street, Coquitlam

The Prevalence Model of funding for Special Needs is an ongoing concern for the CTA and the BCTF. The CTA has pamphlets and postcards for teachers to distribute to parents, informing them about the model and its implications. The BCTF and BCPSEA have signed a protocol agreement. Teachers are allowed to distribute these materials, individually, at parent-teacher conferences or via students, as long as they tell their administrator at least four hours in advance and give the information to the parent in a sealed envelope. The employer in no way objects to the distribution of these materials.

Prevalence Model Information Distribution

If you are interested in distributing these materials, please let Kelly Stewart [kstewart@cta43.org] at the CTA know and we will produce the number you request as well as provide you with the envelopes.

SD 43 Career Fair

Hillcrest Middle School

Thursday November 28, 2019

If you know someone who might want to change careers or work in SD43, please invite them to attend this career fair from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Hillcrest Middle School.

They will be able to meet HR Staff and SD43 employees, ask questions and inquire about opportunities in the district; Teaching, Clerical, Trades Persons, TTOC, Education Assistants, Caretakers and other positions.

BCTF AGM DELEGATES

We will elect delegates to the BCTF AGM at our General Meeting on January 22, 2020. The 2020 AGM will be held March 14 - 17, 2020 in Vancouver.

We encourage members to seriously consider attending the BCTF AGM this year.

Please submit your CV form to the CTA office before January 13, 2020.

Forms can be found on our website or clicking here.

PD Power

Beyond Words: Taking Action

When you consider social justice, what do you think about? The range of the term is broad, and it encompasses a lot, but within social justice there is so much that we deal with in our classrooms every day. Over the next few weeks this space will feature some of the workshops that will be available on our February 28th CTA Day.

One part of social justice is gender identity and in February we are lucky to have a full day workshop from QMUNITY, a non-profit organization who work to support and provide education that improves the lives of queer, trans, and two-spirited people. QMUNITY provides safe spaces for individuals to explore their identity, share their struggles, and get support without judgement. In February we are lucky to have their Queer Competency Training, which provides ways for us all to ensure that our classrooms are safe spaces for all learners and that we, as educators, use language that is supportive and inclusive.

Do you have something you'd like to share with your colleagues this February? Visit <https://cvent.me/2PEbEZ> to submit a proposal for

a workshop! We want to learn about what you are doing in your classrooms and schools!

-Meggan Crawford
CTA PD Chairperson

CTA Induction

This past Thursday evening the CTA was proud to host our annual Induction ceremony for teachers new to Coquitlam and those new to the profession and the BCTF. New teachers received encouraging advice from BCTF Executive Committee Member at Large Violette Baillargeon, learned about the TTOC Committee from Geoffrey Kehrig, learned about PD and mentoring in SD43 from Meggan Crawford, CTA PD Chair and were welcomed to the district by Ken Christensen, CTA President. Thank you to our wonderful emcee, Kara Obojski, CTA 1st Vice President. A big thank you to the many school trustees who came to celebrate with us! Congratulations and welcome to our new teachers!



TTOC COMMITTEE MEETING @ Centennial Sec.
Tuesday November 26th, 2019 at 4:00 pm



 **BCTF New Teachers' Conference** 

Registration is now OPEN

January 25, 2020
Richmond, BC

bctf.ca/NewTeachers.aspx

The NTC 2020 will feature a renowned keynote speaker, a panel of teachers, a wide range of workshop topics, a resource fair and more. Most of all, this event is an opportunity to network with teachers coming from all over the province and make some new lifelong friendships. The conference is specifically designed to serve teachers who have been teaching for five years or less, it is also open to teachers who have come back to the classroom after a leave or who changed district and/or workload.

2020 Cross Border Social Justice Conference

February 29th, 2020

Kwantlen Park Sec., Surrey, BC

We are seeking workshops on climate justice and social justice themes. Your audience will be K-12 classroom teachers. Workshop sessions will be 90 minutes and need to include active participation. Have a great idea? Please submit your proposal for a workshop by following this link <http://crossborderconference.weebly.com/>? Deadline for proposals is December 1st.

This is a great opportunity for BC teachers to meet and work with teachers from Washington, Oregon, and other places... a unique opportunity supported by the Surrey Teacher's Association with support from other locals.



How EFAP Can Help

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Has anything changed? Did you move? Get married?

If you have changed your name, address or email please make sure you tell us and remember to

- Notify the CTA
- Notify SD43
- Notify BCTF

Committee Vacancies

District Student Services Advisory Committee
- 2 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee
- 2 Elementary reps, 2 Middle reps and 1 Secondary rep

District Review Panel Committee
- 1 CTA rep

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee
- 2 CTA reps

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee
- 1 CTA rep

District French Advisory Committee
- 2 CTA reps

New Westminster & District Labour Council
- 5 CTA reps

CTA PD Committee

- 1 LSA Council Rep, 1 TTOC Rep, 1 Adult Ed Rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 4 members-at-large

CTA Committee - Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

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

CTA Negotiations Committee

- 1 member-at-large

Teachers interested in any of these 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**.

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