

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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Summer PD Deadlines

Receipts and Conference Reports for summer PD (Conferences held in June, July or August) must be received before 4:30 pm on **October 1, 2025**.

They can be dropped at the office or emailed to pd@cta43.org.

Only PDFs will be accepted **NO images, links or forms in body of email will be accepted.**

CTA REP ASSEMBLY TODAY!



September 24, 2025 - 4 pm

WINSLOW GYM 1100 WINSLOW AVE

Elementary School Design Committee

We are seeking teachers to join the School District Design Committee for Hazel Trembath. This team will work closely with the architect and facilities staff to provide input on the design of future schools in SD43.

Commitment: Approximately 4-5 meetings Starting late October and concluding by the last week of December. Meetings at the ELC from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Some document and drawing review between meetings

If you are interested in joining, please fill out a CV form then send it in to corbeyhj@cta43.org by 4:00 PM, Thursday, October 9, 2025.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 1, 2025
Winslow Centre Gymnasium

Acknowledgement

1. Call to Order

- Adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of the minutes of the Special General Meeting held June 17, 2025

2. Elections

2025-2026 Executive Committee:

- Member-at-Large (1), member who identifies as Indigenous
- Members-at-Large (2)

3. Financial Reports

- Auditor's Report
- Financial Statements
- 2025-26 Finance Recommendations



4. Ratification of Committee Chairpersons

5. Proposed Policy Changes as recommended by the June 25, 2025 CTA Executive Committee meeting

6. Receive 2024-2025 Committee Reports

7. Leadership Report

8. Bargaining Update [In-Committee]

- Carole Gordon, BCTF President

9. Prize Draws

10. Adjournment



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President's Message

Happy Fall Solstice everyone! Beautiful late summer weather for us. Likely this has contributed to it being a pretty light start for TTOCs in terms of work. It was similar to this last year in September and October but, seems a little more pronounced this year.

It has been a cracking start to the school year down here at the CTA. We are finding more complex matters are requiring our attention sooner in the school year. Our work is often complex, sensitive but, there can be a typical ebb and flow in the year and usually September is a bit of an ebb. Not so much this year.

I am pretty certain our experience is mirrored out in the schools around our district. Our work evolves from things that happen in those schools so, that is likely.

I'd like to remind everyone again that we are in a  bargaining year and the info about that can be accessed on the BCTF website, provided you log in with your personal email and password. Please ensure the BCTF has this information so, you can remain informed as things develop.

In Solidarity - Ken



FSAs October 1 - November 10

It is that time of year again where we are asked to administer FSAs. How do we communicate with parents?

You can distribute information on FSAs to parents but need to follow the BCTF/BCPSEA protocol.

Here is what you do:

- Use the two CTA supplied BCTF pamphlets. (Pamphlets to be shared with parents are the English only version.)
- Distribute these pamphlets directly to parents, or
- If sending pamphlets home via students, all materials/pamphlets must be in sealed envelopes clearly identifying that they are produced and distributed by the CTA and addressed to the parent/guardian.
- Inform your administrator with at least 4 hours notice that you will be sending pamphlets home.

Staff reps and teachers who wish to send information to parents should contact the CTA with the numbers of envelopes and pamphlets that your school requires for distribution. The CTA Office will supply these materials – please call or email Kelly S.@ (kstewart@cta43.org)



There are numerous events and learning opportunities in the next week about Truth and Reconciliation. We encourage everyone to pursue further understanding around the truth of colonialism and the ongoing harmful impacts upon Indigenous peoples in Turtle Island.

Events and Information:

[Learn about the Survivor's Flag: The Survivors' Flag - NCTR](#)

[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 2025: Empowering Voices Through Art - Place des Arts](#)

[Government of BC list of Events Truth and Reconciliation Day 2025](#)

[Kwkwetlem First Nation Walk for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Glen Pine Pavillion](#)

[Truth and Reconciliation - A Day of Culture and Reflection Museum of North Vancouver](#)

[Natural Dye Truth & Reconciliation Workshop Tickets, Thu, 25 Sep 2025 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

[Stetis ímexstowx Gathering - Abbotsford](#)

[Honouring the Past, Healing the Present, Inspiring the Future - Vancouver](#)

[Walking Together: A Journey of Unity and Healing - Maple Ridge](#)

[National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at the SLCC - Squamish](#)



WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY



CTA officers attended BCGEU and PEA's picket line last week in Surrey again last week. We were joined by teachers from Langley and Burnaby. Spirits on the line were high with workers marching at a quick pace. We spoke with workers who expressed frustration regarding the lack of progress at the table. Many spoke of wanting pay increases to help offset the increases in cost of living. Our conversations were often interrupted by loud honks of support from members of the public driving by a busy section of 152nd street. BCGEU has recently announced an escalation in their job action to include more of their members including a picket in Coquitlam. [Keep up with the latest developments here.](#)

Anxiety and Burnout: Tools to Reset and Recharge

October 14th and 21st 4:00-5:00 pm (PT)

Mindfulness Expert Tara Achkar and Clinical Psychologist Dr. Kayleigh-Ann Clegg will provide strategies to restore balance, protect your energy, and build resilience that lasts.

Existing Starling Minds members can register for the webinars while signed into the program.

You will be asked to enter the access code:

BCTFMEMBER

Members new to the program can register [here](#)

To register for the first time, you'll need your BCTF Member ID.

You can find it:

- On the front of your BCTF Member Card
- In your BCTF Member Profile
- By calling BCTF's Member Records department at 1-800-663-9163



Opportunity for BIPOC Members

The BCTF is broadening participation for up to 10 additional members who identify as Black, Indigenous, or Person of Colour to attend The Federation Leadership Institute (FLI).

The Federation Leadership Institute (FLI) is a two-day training opportunity for local officers. This year's program will take place on November 28-29, 2025 in Kelowna.

If you're interested in union leadership positions, this is a great opportunity to learn! The BCTF will provide additional delegates with a leave of absence, travel, accommodation, and per diems as needed.

Deadline: Friday, October 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

To apply, please complete the online CV application form on the BCTF website at

db.bctf.ca/forms/cv/fli/index.cfm

If you have any questions about FLI, please contact rpahlevanlu@cta43.org for more information



On Thursday, September 25, at 6:30 p.m., the Institute for Public Education is hosting a public webinar called Healthy Food at School. This webinar is part of the Trustee Project, which brings together labour-endorsed trustees from across the province to collaborate on issues of social justice and workers' rights.

This is also an opportunity to discuss with the Coalition for Healthy Schools and school trustees ways to implement school food programs and learn from their experiences.

Hear from: **Brent Mansfield**, co-founder of [Lunch Lab](#), founder of the BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy School Food and a Vancouver teacher; **Mark Robinson**, Trustee for School District 68—Nanaimo Ladysmith; and **Shar McCrory**, Trustee for School District 57—Prince George.

Join by Zoom on September 25 at 6:30 p.m.



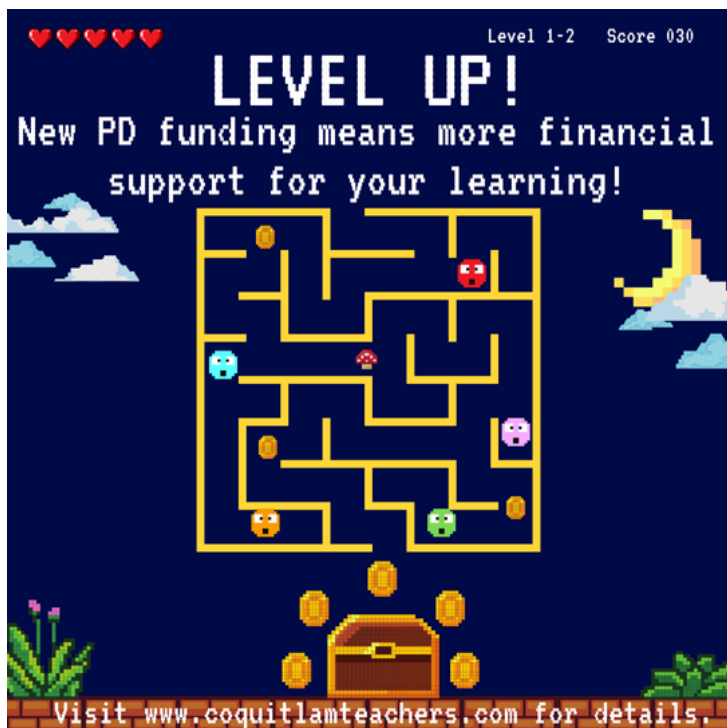


PD Updates

Our first District Pro-D Day was Friday, September 19, 2025. This day is typically site-based and focused on school start-up, team building, and planning. Hopefully, your staff had a productive day — and that you've already elected your school's PD Rep. If not, please do so as soon as possible. PD Reps chair your school's PD Committee and are required to sign off on all PD Assistance forms.

PD Rep Training

PD Rep training ran from September 23–25 at the CTA office. Thanks to everyone who attended! We covered important information on PD funding, reimbursement guidelines, and how to support your school's PD planning throughout the year. If you're a Rep and still have questions or need support, feel free to reach out to Sherina at pdchair@cta43.org.



The CTA has Teacher resources, Educational theory texts, as well as publications covering personal growth, labour history, and social justice topics to loan to interested members.

For information about the CTA Lending Library, or to check out materials email lendinglibrary@cta43.org

Please complete this brief Failure to Fill Tracking Form each time prep or service time is lost or recovered.

If you have any questions please contact Diether Malakoff, 1st Vice President dmalakoff@cta43.org or 604-936-9971.

PSA Day October 24

PSA Day is a province-wide event that brings educators together to learn, connect, and grow through a variety of excellent conferences hosted by the Provincial Specialist Associations (PSAs).

Explore your options and register early on www.psaday.ca —many PSAs still offer early bird pricing!

Important:

If you're applying for funding to attend a PSA event, make sure your Yellow Forms are submitted to the **CTA Office by 4:30 pm on Friday, October 10th.**

Digital submissions are not accepted.

For help, refer to the www.coquitlamteachers.com/professional-development/cta-pro-d-assistance/ for step-by-step instructions and details on eligible expenses.

BCTF

Provincial PSA Day
Friday, October 24, 2025

www.psaday.ca

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COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE **CASJ**



CASJ will be meeting on October 20, 2025 at 4:00pm at the CTA office to discuss plans for the remainder of the school year. We welcome all teachers who have thoughts on what social justice work the committee should focus in on and how we can support all CTA members in their work around social justice. If you would like to officially join the committee you can submit a CV! Vacancies are always advertised on the back page of the newsletter and the CTA website!



The first CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee meeting is **Tuesday October 7, 2025 at Centennial Secondary.** Join us for snacks and a discussion of our goals for the committee this year. The CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee is for any Coquitlam teacher who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour. Find more information about what we do [here](#). BIPOC teachers can join our email list without regularly attending meeting or joining the committee. To join us or ask any questions you might have, contact Anna Razzell at bi poceducators@cta43.org

TTOC'S & New Teachers'

The CTA TTOC Committee had its first meeting of the school year on Monday of this week. We discussed the workboard, ideas for workshops, and how we can support and advocate for TTOCs in our district. The TTOC Facebook group is around for day-to-day connection, quick questions, and a chance to share resources. You can request to join the group at: [CTA TTOCs | Facebook](#). We would love for you to join us in these important conversations! If you have any questions, please email Meggan (mc Crawford@cta43.org)!

District Student Wellness and Safety Advisory Committee

This committee is actively seeking **2 CTA members** who are interested in discussing priorities, plans and processes related to student wellness and safety in school district 43. The committee reports to the superintendent in an advisory capacity, **meeting three times a year in the evenings from 4-6pm**. Committee terms are 2 years, ending in December the year after you join. If you are interested in joining, please fill out a CV form then send it in to corbeyhj@cta43.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



The CTA hosted our annual retirement reception Thursday last week. It was a great evening of conversation and connection. Representatives from the district, school administrators, and trustees were present to recognise and celebrate our retiring colleagues. It was a great opportunity to connect with folks that we've worked with over the years. Best wishes to the retirees!



BCTF Well Teacher Groups

Free wellness workshops, designed for teachers.

Based on the book written by Occupational Therapist and BCTF Health and Wellness Consultant Wade Repta the groups provide an opportunity to develop a wellness plan and connect with other educators.

All groups are virtual and involve six two-hour sessions.

The Well Teacher Group One

Tuesdays, October 14–November 25, 2025

The Well Teacher Group Two

Wednesdays, October 15–November 19, 2025

The Well Teacher Group Three

Wednesdays, October 15–November 19, 2025

The Well Teacher Group Four

Dates: Mondays, October 20–November 24, 2025

For additional information or to register use the link [here](#).



COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



School District Advisory Committees

Student Services Advisory - Currently Full
Student Achievement Advisory - Currently Full
District Student Wellness & Safety - 2 CTA Reps
District Indigenous Ed Advisory - 1 CTA Rep
District French Advisory - Currently Full
District Technology Advisory - 1 CTA Rep
District Accessibility Advisory - Currently Full
District Anti-Racism Committee - 1 CTA Rep



New Westminister and District Labour Council

4 CTA Representatives

SANCTUARY SCHOOLS WORKING GROUP

The CTA is seeking 6 CTA members to form a working group to inform the CTA Executive Committee's work on engaging the district on the matter of adopting a Sanctuary Schools Policy.

If you have any questions about the working group, please contact Diether Malakoff, 1st Vice President. Please submit a CV form to the CTA office.



Standing Committees

CTA Negotiations Committee

- 1 Member at Large
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Adult Educators

- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Scholarship, Awards and Bursary Committee

- 1 Cont. Ed. Rep, 2 Additional CTA Members
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee

For more information, please email [Anna Razzell](#).

CTA PD Committee

- 1 Elementary Rep, 1 TTOC Rep, 1 CASJ Rep, 1 LSA Rep
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

- 6 Members-at-Large,
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

- 3 Secondary Reps, 1 Middle Reps, 3 Elementary Reps,
- 1 Member-at-Large
- 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go to our website or [click here](#) for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office (corbeyhj@cta43.org). If you have questions, call the CTA Office at 604-936-9971.

Contact Us:

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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Please use the links to contact the officer or staff member best able to help you.

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CTA Website Access

Please make sure you are able to access the site. SD43 email security settings may not allow a password reset online.

If you need to reset your password, please contact Kelly Stewart



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CTA PD Day, Committees, CTA Lending Library

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