

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Winslow Centre - Gym, 4:00 p.m.

CTA REP ASSEMBLY GENERAL MEETING

Important Provincial Bargaining updates have been provided by the BCTF over the last week. It's very important that members **take a few minutes to visit the BCTF website and read those updates and/or attend the CTA General meeting.** The CTA will send updates directly to teachers' personal emails as we get more information.

Interested in working at the CTA Office?

The CTA Professional Development Chair and Labour Relations Officer positions are filled on an annual basis. The CTA is now seeking members interested in these positions for 2026-2027.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHAIRPERSON

Release time for this position is currently 0.4 FTE.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: chairing the PD Committee and the CTA PD Day Committee, developing, organizing and implementing professional development activities for the CTA Professional Development Day, processing applications for PD assistance and course fee assistance, and maintaining a liaison between the CTA and the BCTF in matters of Professional Development.

The successful candidate will be well organized, have a sound knowledge of, and be highly committed to, professional development.

LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICER

Release time for this position is currently 1.0 FTE.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to: dealing with member concerns and issues, researching, preparing and presenting grievances, collaborating with Table Officers, maintaining confidentiality, and working with members through the investigatory/discipline process.

The successful candidate will have excellent presentation skills and the ability to deal effectively with confrontational and stressful situations.

Members interested in either of these positions

should go to our website for an application package (Forms & Scholarships).

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO KROBERTS@CTA43.ORG BEFORE 4:00 PM, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

President's Message

Many Meetings

Bargaining continues provincially with our BCTF Bargaining Team. You have no doubt seen the updates, the ad campaigns, the social media stuff, the letter-writing requests, etc. I want to encourage all of you that engagement really matters on stuff like this. I know it sometimes seems like one more thing and you can only do what you can do but, even a little contribution multiplied by the tens of thousands of members of the BCTF, can make a big difference. One letter to the Premier, Minister of Education or Finance is one thing but, 50,000 people sending letters, emails, wakes people up to the seriousness of the situation. In that vein, we have a rally planned for the 29th of January, at the amphitheatre at Lafarge Lake. You'll find more information in this newsletter, on our socials, etc. Please bring people out, your kids, your neighbours, anyone with an interest in a vibrant, effective, well-funded public education system. Other locals around us have committed to participating in this rally as well so, you'll get to meet people from everywhere by attending. Hope to see you soon!

In Solidarity - Ken

Achieve Your Health and Wellness Goals with Employee and Family Assistance Plan (EFAP)

Did you know that in addition to counselling, your EFAP provider offers comprehensive services to help you achieve your health and wellness goals?

These include services related to:

- Elder and Family Care
- Grief and Loss
- Stress Solutions
- Relationships
- Nutrition
- Lifestyle Changes
- Career Planning
- Pre-Retirement
- Financial and Legal

For more information or to access, contact **Homewood Health 24 hours a day, 7 days a week 1-800-663-1142 | TTY: 1-888-384-1152 International (Call collect): 604-689-1717** HomeWeb.ca

Get set up online: [Homeweb Pathfinder](#)

Informational video: [Employee and Family Assistance Plan](#)

The CTA is holding a rally in support of public education on **Thursday, January 29 starting at 4:00pm at the Town Centre Park Community Plaza** (aka the amphitheatre at Lafarge Lake).

Teachers are invited to attend with their friends, family members, and community members to show that they support a fully funded and strong public education system.

Join us in your **#RedForBCed** to make a strong statement of support for our provincial bargaining team and to make it clear that teachers care about what happens in our schools.

DO YOU WANT A FULLY FUNDED, STRONG PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM?

RALLY
in support of
Public Education

JANUARY 29 @ 4:00PM
TOWN CENTRE PARK COMMUNITY PLAZA (1299 PINETREE WAY)

WEAR RED

BRING A FRIEND

 **COQUITLAM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**



Check out the latest edition of Teacher Magazine.

- [An ethical curriculum in the context of GenAI](#)
- [From personal growth to classroom transformation: Bringing the study of self to life](#)
- [President's message](#)

#REDforBCED



PD Power

The booklet highlighting the 100+ workshops that will be available for the CTA PD Day, Every learner, every story on February 27th can be expected to be published soon. We will be emailing the link to the workshop booklet through district email, so keep your eyes open for it. You will have time to browse through it and get a sense to what is available before Registration for the PD Day, which will not be occurring until next week.

There are several workshops and activities that have a very strict limit and are bound to fill up quickly.

By way of reminder, Riverside Secondary School (2215 Reeve Street, Port Coquitlam) is our host site this year.

As always, parking will be at a premium, so begin plans now to carpool or transit.

Also note that coffee, tea, and some light snacks will be provided, but you will need to pack your own lunch.

Rick Hansen Foundation Educator E-Learning Opportunity

The Rick Hansen Foundation has generously provided 25 licenses for their Educator E-Learning Course, an online professional learning experience that includes a certificate of completion.

The course consists of four self-paced modules, each taking less than one hour to complete. Topics include inclusive language, interactions related to disability, and accessibility.

The deadline to complete the modules is March 31, 2026. Registration is open until mid-February.

Please contact Corbey at corbeyhj@cta43.org to receive the registration link and website details.

2021 to 2025 Course Fee Assistance Eligibility for historical application

Members who were previously eligible for Course Fee Assistance between 2021 and 2025 for courses that began from May 1 to August 30 of each year, but who did not receive course fee assistance are reminded that they are now eligible to submit an application and receive reimbursement.

The deadline for these historical applications is April 30, 2026.

At the start date of the course you needed to have been working on a continuing contract for a minimum of two years in order to be eligible. Questions can be directed to coursefeeassistance@sd43.bc.ca.



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

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

BCTF 2025–26 New Teachers' Conference (NTC): Unexpected Generosity.

This conference is designed for teachers in their first five years of teaching, student teachers, teachers teaching on call, and those who are coming back to teaching after moving or being away from the classroom.

**Click here to register for the NTC in Vancouver
Saturday, February 7, 2026**

Coast Coal Harbour Vancouver Hotel

**Click here to register for the NTC in Kelowna
Saturday, May 9, 2026**

Coast Capri Hotel Kelowna

BCRTA Pre-Retirement Workshops Free - Online

The BCRTA popular online workshops are now scheduled for the fall/winter and Spring of 2025/26.

The important decisions that will determine your retirement lifestyle should not be made at the last minute as you fill out your forms.

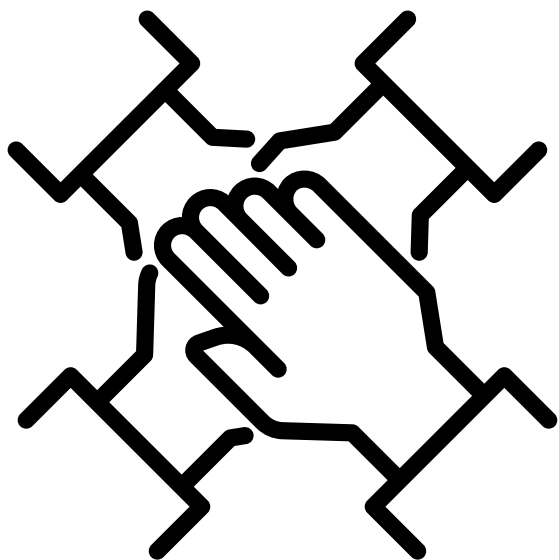
This seminar will prepare you to confidently make choices that are right for you.

You get planning materials along with answers to questions you have about your retirement.

The agenda includes: TPP, CPP, OAS and voluntary group benefits. We show some of the differences between the plans and help equip you to select the plan that best suits your needs.

To register for a **free online workshop click here** or go to the **BCRTA website** for more information.

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



School District Advisory Committees

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

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](#).



New Westminster and District Labour Council

4 CTA Representatives

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, 1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 CTA Rep.

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 Middle 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)

- 2 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.



The CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee is having a New Year social on January 26, 2025.

The CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee is having a New Year social! Please join us at **Jamila's Kitchen and Grill** on Monday January 26, 2026 at 4:30pm. RSVP via [email](#) by 4:30 pm on Friday January 23, 2026.

The CTA BIPOC Educators' Committee is for any Coquitlam teacher who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour. BIPOC teachers can join our email list without regularly attending meetings or joining the committee. No CV needed. Contact Anna Razzell at bipoceducators@cta43.org for more information.



Local Specialist Associations

An LSA is a local chapter of a PSA (Provincial Specialist Association).

If you are interested in joining an existing LSA or starting a new one, contact the LSA or Council Chair [Nicole Roberge](#) for more information.

Coquitlam Music Teachers Association (CMTA)

Tech Ed (Technology Education)

CUE43 (SD43 Education Technology)

Coquitlam Drama Teachers' Association

Inclusive Teachers: FASD and ND

Environment Educators of Coquitlam

Coquitlam Teacher Librarians Association (CTLA)

School Counsellors

Film & Media

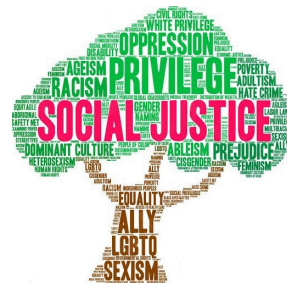
Visual Arts

TTOC'S & New Teachers'

The TTOC Committee is hoping that there's another colleague working some portion of their week as a teacher on call who would like to join the TTOC committee so we have enough members to move motions and do more of this important work! We are coordinating our plans for TTOC Appreciation week events – what would you like to see the CTA do to celebrate our TTOC colleagues? If you have questions or ideas, please contact Meggan (mccrawford@cta43.org).

COMMITTEE FOR
ACTION ON
SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ



The Committee for Action on Social Justice met on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. The committee discussed social justice topics and plans for some future social justice events. The next meeting will take place on **Monday, February 23rd at 4pm at JJ Bean Coffee Roasters, Sutter Brook, Port Moody**. If you are interested in getting involved with social justice in the local, if you have ideas for social justice activities or projects, or if you are interested in learning more about the committee, please join us. All CTA members are welcome.

Social Justice Resource Spotlight:

Have you ever wondered how we can ensure that our schools, school activities, and our union are socially just? The BCTF Committee for Action on Social Justice created a social justice lens. The lens highlights four key filters through which our work in schools and in the union can be viewed: access, agency, advocacy, and solidarity action. If you would like to learn more about the social justice lens, it can be found on the BCTF website (<https://www.bctf.ca/classroom-resources/details/social-justice-lens-booklet>).

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.



UPCOMING TRI-CITIES PRIDE SOCIETY EVENTS

Queers and Beers Tri-Cities

Wednesday January 28, 6-10pm, Parkside Brewery

A monthly hangout for 2S/LGBTQIA+ folks. No cost to attend, and you get 15% off pints for the evening!

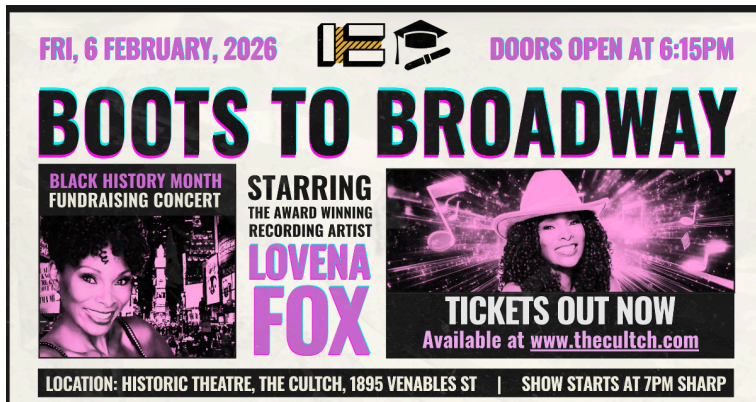
Pride and Allies Book Club

Wednesday February 4, 7-8pm, Coquitlam Public Library Poirier Branch, boardroom. Do you have reading more on your new years' resolution list? Join us to read and discuss literature by and/or starring folks from the 2S/LGBTQIA+ community. This month's book is "The Colour Purple" by Alice Walker. Books are available free of charge from the Coquitlam Public Library, in hard copy, e-book and audiobook format.

Book club is free, no registration is required!

Out and About Walk

Saturday February 7, 1-2pm, Lafarge Lake. Come join for some company and a little movement! Meet in front of the Praugery at Town Centre Park Community Centre. Free, no registration required.

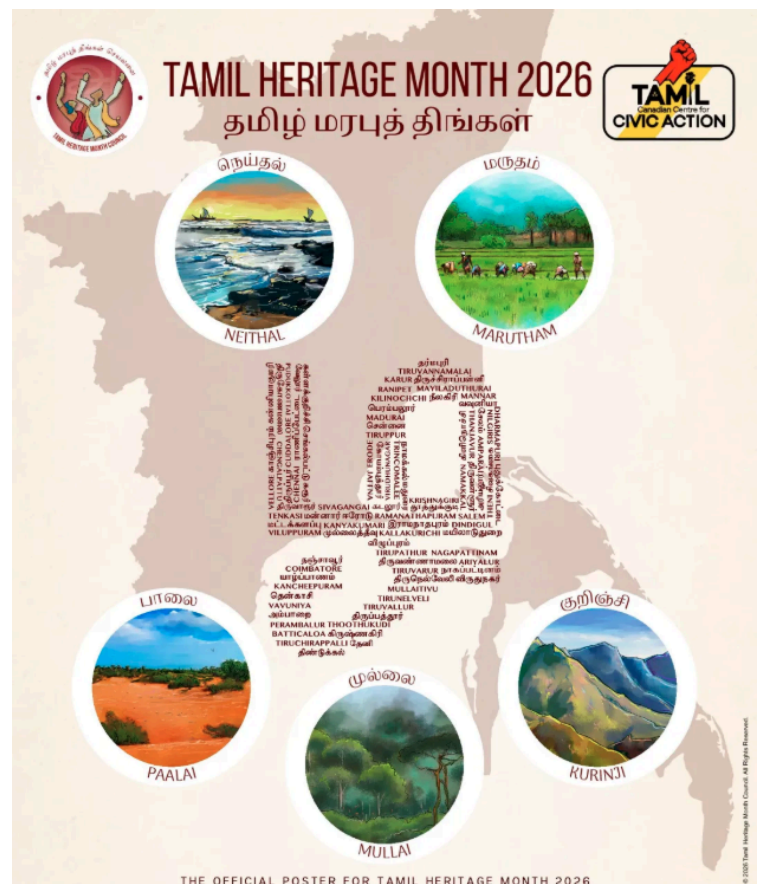


On Friday February 6th, join Jr Black Achievement Awards in partnership with Hogan's Alley Society for Boots to Broadway, a Black History Month fundraising concert featuring two-time Juno award winner, Lovena Fox, at The Cultch Theatre on Commercial Drive.

Lovena will take the audience on a powerhouse musical journey that showcases her vocal versatility—from the heart of country and soul, to the fire of rock 'n' roll and the magic of Broadway. Featuring unforgettable hits by legends like Aretha Franklin, Beyoncé, Patsy Cline, and Tina Turner, along with showstoppers from Porgy and Bess, Evita, Jersey Boys, and more, this high-energy performance is a celebration of music that moves the soul.

Please visit

<https://www.hogansalleysociety.org/events/boots-to-broadway> to put your name on the list to find out when tickets go on sale.



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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