

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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2026-2027 ELECTIONS CTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following CTA Executive Committee positions will be filled at the
CTA Year End General Meeting Wednesday, May 6, 2026

- President
- Second Vice President
- First Vice President
- Local Rep to the BCTF (1) who identifies as Black, Indigenous or a person on colour
- Local Rep to the BCTF (1)
- Members - at - Large (6)
- Member-at-Large who identifies as Indigenous (1)
- Member-at-Large who identifies as a person of colour (1)

Those interested in running for any of these positions should go to coquitlamteachers.com for a CV form.

Please submit forms to corbeyhj@cta43.org before 4:30pm on Monday, April 27, 2026.



RETROACTIVE PAY AND ANNUAL INCREASE

After many conversations, the CTA has confirmed that teachers will see the recently negotiated 3% increase on their end of April pay statements.

Retroactive pay backdated to July 1, 2025 will be provided no later than the end of May, though the employer is making efforts to also include it on April pay statements.

The total retroactive pay will be listed as a separate line item on your normal pay statement. Additionally, retroactive pay will be taxed in the year it is received (2026), and there is no need for teachers to adjust their 2025 filing due to this.

It is very important that teachers **double check their pay statements carefully** when this change is made and reach out to the CTA and/or Payroll if you notice an error. You can view the salary grids [here](#).



CTA YEAR END GENERAL MEETING

Join us to elect your 2026-2027 Executive Committee. CTA Policy and Bylaw updates will be presented, great prizes to be won! All CTA Members are welcome.

COQUITLAM
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WEDNESDAY
MAY 6, 2026
4:00PM



LOCATION
MONTGOMERY CENTRE -GYM
380 MONTGOMERY STREET
COQUITLAM, BC



Agenda available on our website:
www.coquitlamteachers.com

President's Message

Well, we are knee deep in budget season again. A critical meeting happened Tuesday, the partner and interest groups got to respond to the budget. The CTA made a presentation advocating on behalf of the 2700 educators in SD43. We asked to avoid layoff, add more counselling and other non enrolling support across the system and referred the Board to our submissions made earlier in the budget setting process. The final budget meeting will be on the 28th, where the budget will be passed.

In Solidarity
Ken



CTA Negotiations Committee

As the 2025-2029 Collective Agreement was ratified that means a new CTA Negotiations Committee is required.

Elections will be held at our CTA Representative Assembly on Wednesday, September 23, 2026.

As per CTA Policy 7.a the committee shall consist of:

- President
- 1st Vice-President
- Appointed EC member
- 1 member who identifies as Black
- 1 member who identifies as Indigenous
- 1 member who identifies as a person of colour
- 6 members-at-large

Members-at-large shall be elected to serve until a new Collective Agreement has been ratified by both parties.

If you are interested in running for a member-at-large please submit a CV to Corbey at corbeyhj@cta43.org by 4:30 pm, Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

TRB CERTIFICATION FEES

Members are reminded that TRB Certification (Annual Practice Fee) fees are due by the end of May. If you are in a contract, the fee will be deducted automatically and submitted on your behalf. If you are a TTOC or on Leave, you may need to make your own arrangements. Do not let this lapse. As we have already found this year, it can cause considerable problems, as the employer claims they cannot employ you while uncertified. **Please make sure you check your end of April pay statement to ensure the certification fee was actually taken off.**

You can verify your status as a teacher on the [Teacher Regulation Branch website](#).

YOU'RE INVITED!

After many years serving CTA members, CTA President Ken Christensen is officially shifting into a higher gear - retirement!



**JUNE 4, 2026
4:30 - 7:30 PM
PORT MOODY
LEGION**

Please RSVP by
Fri, May 15, 2026.

Click here or check
our CTA newsletter
for the link.



BCTF Spring Zone Meeting

Seven CTA members attended the Spring BCTF Zone meeting this past Friday and Saturday and engaged in discussions around a variety of topics including the Implementation of the new Provincial Language, Health and Safety, TTOCs, Social Justice, Aboriginal Education, Professional Development, and Bargaining. The TTOC Discrete Group had very engaged and lively discussions around a number of issues including the pros and cons of Atrieve, the equity issue of requests, and fine-tuning the first draft of a BCTF "First Day Guide for TTOCs". The bargaining Discrete Group discussed what still remains important for future rounds of both provincial and local bargaining and took a deeper dive into the Violence Prevention article and the larger question of remedy.

TEACHERS TEACHING ON CALL
appreciation week

MAY 4 - 8, 2026



BCRTA Pre-Retirement Online Workshops

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.

CTA **TTOC APPRECIATION EVENT**

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026
4:30-7:30 PM
THE REC ROOM, BRENTWOOD
1920 WILLINGDON AVE., BURNABY

SNACKS & GAMES PROVIDED

SPACE IS LIMITED -
RSVP REQUIRED:
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/RECROOMCTA](https://tinyurl.com/recroomcta)

Day of
MOURNING

Last year, 138 B.C. workers died from a workplace injury or disease.

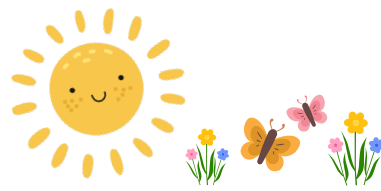
On April 28, we honour those friends, family members, and colleagues.

Bowling for
TTOCS

CTA TTOCs: Join us Wednesday, May 13 from 5:15-7:15 for bowling & snacks at Poco Bowl (2263 McAllister Ave). Register now: <https://tinyurl.com/pocobowlcta>



PD Power



Ignite 43 - Reality

There are still spots open for both attendees and presenters at our Ignite 43 event on May 27 at Samz Pub in Port Coquitlam. Space is limited, so be sure to register soon.

Join us starting at 4:30pm for appetizers, a meal, and engaging, thought-provoking ideas. It's also a great chance to connect with colleagues, have meaningful conversations, and leave feeling energized as we wrap up the year. The discussions—whether at your table, during breaks, or over food—are sure to be valuable.

At just \$15, the experience offers far more than its cost. Secure your spot by registering here:

<https://am.lol/p/XQOXfi8>

If you have questions or would like to present, email pdchair@cta43.org with a short description of your idea.



Free workshop - May 30th 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Mental Health First Aid Essentials

- Recognize early signs of mental health challenges
- Respond supportively with the ALGES framework
- Learn how to identify & respond to suicide warning signs
- Exploring basic self-care techniques

* The courses do not lead to Certification *

Breakfast and lunch included

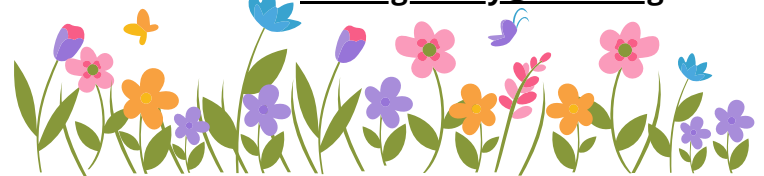
Location:
CTA Conference Room
208 2502 St. Johns Street
Port Moody V3H 2B4

Register here:
<https://am.lol/p/C4nansD>



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.



2021-2025 Course Fee Assistance Eligibility

Members who were eligible for, but did not receive Course Fee Assistance between 2021 and 2025 for courses beginning May 1 to August 30, are reminded that they may now be eligible to submit an application and receive reimbursement.

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

Questions can be directed to coursefeeassistance@sd43.bc.ca.

IGNITE 43

Join us for an evening of PD featuring amazing presenters, lively conversation, and great food.

MAY 27
5:00-8:30 PM

\$15 FOR CTA MEMBERS (INC. APPETIZERS & \$25 DINNER)

30 spots available
REGISTER HERE:
[HTTPS://AM.LOL/P/XQOXFI8](https://am.lol/p/XQOXfi8)

TTOC'S & New Teachers'

The TTOC Committee is looking forward to showing our appreciation for every person working as a Teacher on Call in Coquitlam! TTOC Appreciation Week is May 4 – 8 this year and we hope that our colleagues throughout the district will find ways to thank TTOCs in their buildings.

The CTA is hosting two events – the first on May 5 from 4:30-7:30 at the Rec Room, Brentwood (register at <https://tinyurl.com/recroomcta>) and the second on May 13 from 5:15-7:15 at Poco Bowl (register at <https://tinyurl.com/pocobowlcta>) and we hope to see many of our TTOC colleagues there for these free events!

Please note, registration is only open to current Coquitlam Teachers who are Teaching on Call or in a temporary contract (and have not yet converted to continuing status).



Ministry of Education and Child Care (MECC)– Racism Response Guidelines

Did you know that the MECC, in consultation with SD41 and other educators, created a Racism Response Guideline document in 2025? This resource includes types of racist incidents, how to respond to them, resources, and more! As stated in the document, this resource can “help educators understand the impacts of incidents of racism and hate on school communities,” and offers “pathways towards inclusion and healing.” [Read the guidelines here.](#)

COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE CASJ



Coquitlam's Committee for Action on Social Justice met on Monday, April 20th. The committee discussed information that was shared during the BCTF spring Zone meeting. The committee also worked on planning a social justice based Ignite event for the fall of the 2026-2027 school year. Our next meeting is going to be on Monday, May 25th at 4:00pm at the CTA office. At the meeting, we will be discussing possible BCTF and social justice grants that the committee could apply for. All CTA members are welcome to join us!

Social Justice Resource Spotlight:

In honour of Earth Day, the committee would like to draw attention to a lesson plan from the BCTF web page. The lesson, Demystifying Climate myths (<https://www.bctf.ca/classroom-resources/details/debunking-climate-myths>), is intended for grades 5 to 12. It presents common myths and provides rationale for why they are untrue. The lesson encourages discussion among the students about what they learnt, what they wonder, what they have questions about, and why people believe climate myths.

Our next meeting will be in May! Check back for a date and location!



We'll have snacks and refreshment and discuss current issues racialized teachers are facing in Coquitlam. Hope to see you there! 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 bipeceducators@cta43.org for more information.

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



School District Advisory Committees

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



New Westminister and District Labour Council

4 CTA Representatives

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.

CTA Standing Committees

CTA Negotiations Committee

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

CTA Adult Education Committee

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

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

- 1 Member at Large
- 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](mailto: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



Contact Us:

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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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