

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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2026-2027 CTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Congratulations to the following people who were acclaimed, elected, or had their Committee Chairperson appointment ratified at the Year End General Meeting on May 6, 2026.

President:

Diether Malakoff

1st Vice President:

Ronak Pahlevanlu

2nd Vice President:

Meggan Crawford

Local Rep to the BCTF - Black or person of Colour

Catherine Hodges (Leigh)

Local Rep to the BCTF:

Kayleigh MacMillan (Citadel Middle)

Professional Development Chair:

Terai Short (CABE)

Labour Relations Officer:

Kate Russell (Summit Middle)

Members At Large:

Justin Arseneault (Dr. Charles Best)

Amanda Ballard (Centennial)

Andrea Klockenbrink (Continuing Ed.)

Rebecca Mueller (Port Moody Secondary)

Kate Russell (Summit Middle)

Member At Large - Indigenous:

Jessica Bell (Indigenous Ed.)

Member At Large - Black or Person of Colour:

Heng-Zi Bereczki (Encompass)

Local Specialist Association Chairperson:

Vacant

Teachers Teaching On Call Chairperson:

Vacant

Committee for Action on Social Justice Chairperson:

Ashley Collier (Scott Creek)

Adult Education Committee Chairperson:

Vacant

BIPOC Educators' Committee:

Vacant



TEACHERS TEACHING ON CALL

appreciation week

MAY 4 - 8, 2026



Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOCs) are vital to our school communities because they ensure students continue to receive meaningful instruction and support when their regular teachers are absent.

Thank you to our TTOCs for answering the call — often on short notice — adapting quickly to new environments, maintaining continuity, and providing fresh perspectives for our students.

Your commitment to your colleagues and the children in our communities does not go unnoticed.

We appreciate you!!

President's Message

CTA Executive Committee

Wow, another year nearly over here and another election cycle for Executive Committee at the CTA is concluded. It was poignantly surreal that I wasn't directly participating, due to my impending retirement. 25 years of union work out of 26 years of teaching. I definitely started early on this journey and I really want to encourage other teachers to do the same. Any kind of involvement, at any time is welcomed but, union work can be incredibly instructive professional development, especially for early career. Understanding better how the systems in public education interact and operate can really be valuable to charting your course in public education. Thanks for all for the recognition I received at our AGM last night and I will see you soon somewhere down the road. Congratulations to all the members of the 2026/27 CTA Executive Committee!

In Solidarity
Ken



CHECK YOUR APRIL PAY STUBS!!!

RETRO PAY AND INCREASE

Retroactive pay backdated to July 1, 2025 was included on April pay statements. The total retroactive pay will be listed as a separate line item on your normal pay statement.

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](#).

TRB CERTIFICATION FEES

Members are reminded that TRB Certification (Annual Practice Fee) fees are due by the end of May.

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](#).

STAFFING AND POSTINGS

Spring Staffing Allocation

Staffing allotments went out to sites on Monday, May 4th. No K-12 layoffs this year.

Staffing 101 for Teachers and TTOCs TEAMS Meeting Tuesday, May 11 at 3:30 PM

P1s and P2s without a location are encouraged to attend this TEAMS meeting.

Post and Fill

An email was sent from P. Becker, District Principal on April 29th with Post and Fill information. Please be sure to read it fully.

It is important that all P1/P2 teachers without a location for September apply for **all positions** they are eligible to teach.

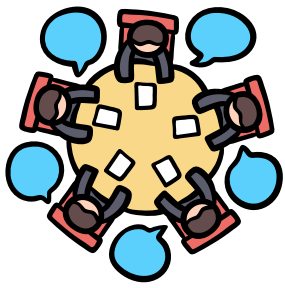
Posting Rounds:

First Round	May 25	(Closes May 28)
Second Round	May 28	(Closes June 2)
Third Round	June 1	(Closes June 4)
Fourth Round	June 4	(Closes June 9)
Fifth Round	June 8	(Closes June 11)
Sixth Round	June 11	(Closes June 16)



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>



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.



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.

YOU'RE INVITED!

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



**JUNE 11, 2026
4:30 - 7:30 PM
PORT MOODY
LEGION**

Please RSVP by
Fri, May 22, 2026.



Ken has been involved in union work at the CTA for 25 years. He started as a staff rep and has worn many other hats through the years including; health and safety rep, social justice rep, Member-at-Large, Local Rep to the BCTF, 2nd Vice-President, 1st Vice-President and finally President.

He has also represented the CTA at the BCTF in many capacities: recently as a mediator in the Internal Mediation Service and serving as a director of the BCTF Assistance Society.

Doing this work takes us away from teaching, family, and other pursuits. It takes time, energy, and sacrifice. We appreciate the late nights, the missed personal moments, and the heavy emotional labour that often goes unseen.

If you have a story, or a moment when he made a difference for you, please share it with him or with the CTA office so we can compile a lasting tribute.

Thank you, Ken — for your service, your leadership, and for all you have done for teachers and students across Coquitlam and beyond.



PD Power

Ignite

The CTA is excited to be hosting IGNITE43 on Wednesday, May 27 at Samz pub in Port Coquitlam! With a theme of reality, the night will explore many engaging concepts with short presentations that are designed to spark a thought or a conversation. Dinner will be served in between presentations, leaving lots of time and space to discuss and connect with colleagues. If you'd like to join us, please register now at [CTA - IGNITE43 2026 PAYMENT FORM](#). The \$15 charge to attend goes towards your delicious meal!

Mental Health First Aid

The CTA is offering teachers a free opportunity to take the essentials course on Mental Health First Aid on May 30, 2026. This course helps give you the tools to provide mental health first aid and support someone in accessing the professional help they may need. It is a practical and useful tool in our work and lives overall. Seats are limited, so register now: [CTA - Mental Health First Aid Essentials May 30, 2026](#)



LENDING LIBRARY

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

Opening Minds | MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION OF CANADA | CTA

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>

Register by May 26, 12 pm

IGNITE43

CTA

THEME: "Reality"

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

MAY 27 5:00-8:30 PM

TICKETS \$15

(inc. Appetizers & \$25 Dinner choice)

2342 ELGIN AVE
PORT COQUITLAM

REGISTER HERE:
[HTTPS://AM.LOL/P/XQOXF8](https://am.lol/p/XQOXF8)

MAY 14TH IS MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY

CTA

Take action to end violence against women and children

MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN
CAMPAGNE MOOSE HIDE

MOOSEHIDECAMPAIGN.CA



Our next meeting is May 13 at 4 PM at Montgomery Middle School!

We'll have snacks and refreshments 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 bipoceducators@cta43.org for more information.

TTOC'S & New Teachers'

Happy TTOC Appreciation Week! The work of teachers teaching on call is invaluable for every site in our district and the work of coming into a school and making things work in so many different spaces is challenging, but always appreciated.

We enjoyed seeing many TTOCs at our Rec Room event on Tuesday and hope to see more of you at Poco Bowling next Wednesday, May 13!

Come join us for free bowling, pizza, snacks, and good conversations with colleagues.

You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/pocobowlcta> and we will see you there at 5:15!



COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE CASJ



Coquitlam's Committee for Action on Social Justice's next meeting is scheduled for **4:00pm on Thursday, May 28th at the CTA office.**

The committee will be discussing BCTF grants, which ones to apply for, and how the money could be used to support social justice action in the local. Come join us! All CTA members are welcome.

Social Justice Resource Spotlight:

In recognition of Red Dress Day on May 5th, the Committee for Action on Social Justice would like to highlight a beautiful and haunting picture book about Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls, and Two-spirit people in Canada. The book, If I Go Missing by Brianna Jonnie with Nahanni Shingoose, is based on an open letter that Brianna Jonnie wrote to the Winnipeg chief of police in 2016. At the age of 14, in her letter, Brianna Jonnie implored the chief of police to do better when investigating cases of missing Indigenous people. She pointed out that as an Indigenous girl she was more likely to disappear and her disappearance would be less likely to receive media attention and immediate action by the police. The book contains amazing and moving artwork by Neal Shannacappo. This picture book is intended for older students (grades 7 and up). It is also available in French (Si Je Disparais).

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

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 Rep, 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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