

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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POSTINGS

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)

Roy Krutow Scholarships

ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA

2 Scholarships Available \$1,250 each!

1 Who Can Apply?
Children of teachers currently employed by SD43 or children of deceased or retired teachers who were employed by SD43 at the time of their death or retirement.

2 Deadline: July 1, 2026
Applications can be dropped off at the CTA Office, post mailed to the office, or emailed to scholarship@cta43.org

Application form available at:
<https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/forms-scholarships/scholarships/>

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: Navigating the EI Claim Process

WORKSHOP

June 1, 2026
4:00 - 7:00 pm
(Pizza dinner)

@Education
Learning Centre
B 103/104
1080 Winslow Ave

Register Now

<https://tinyurl.com/CTAEIJune1>

HOSTED BY THE CTA TTCC COMMITTEE

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BC Families for Fair Autism Funding

is a grassroots advocacy group of more than 2,200 members representing families and service providers across the province.

This organization fully supports the expansion of funding to include other disabilities—a long-overdue step - but are deeply alarmed that the government is choosing to fund these new programs by dismantling the successful, two-decade-old autism funding model. They believe this decision is not a simple policy shift; it will create a massive, unmitigated influx of unsupported needs that will directly compromise the stability of British Columbia's school system starting in March 2027.

Please follow the link below to find out more and add BC Educator voices to their anonymous survey. The deadline is May 24, 2026.

<https://fairfundingbc.ca/survey-a-teachers-voice>

President's Message

The season of post and fill in K-12 is rapidly approaching us. First round in the last week of May. I definitely recommend folks have a close look at the available work if they are looking for a change or are without a position for the upcoming year. I'll be joining you. As many know, I am retiring but, I am coming back to the classroom for September as my date is Oct 1. Been a minute since I was in a classroom but, I am sure it'll come back to me quickly. It's important that people post as widely as they can for as many positions as they are qualified for. Post and fill will be tight this year and this is why we are recommending this action. Best of luck to all engaging in this important process and please reach out to us here at the CTA if you have any concerns or questions.

In Solidarity
Ken



PRIDE 2026 RESOURCES

CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS

[Pride at Work 2026 Factsheet](#)

Canadian Labour Congress Produced Toolkits and Guides:

- [We Keep Each Other Safe: A Guide for Unions to Address Anti-2SLGBTQI+ Hate](#)
- [Workers In Transition: A Practical Guide for Union Representatives and Trans Union Members](#)
[Anti-Hate Toolkit Part 1](#)



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.



It's getting **HOT** in here !!

If your site hasn't yet met to discuss a heat plan for warm weather we strongly encourage your site's Health and Safety Committee or Collaborative Decision Making Committee to meet soon to set something up.

Things to consider include cooler indoor spaces and how they might be shared, who has a fan and who still needs one, how outdoor spaces will be shared, or other creative things that can be done to support each other if higher temperatures arrive.

The WorkSafe guidelines don't give a specific number range for acceptable temperatures, rather it is a complex calculation based on a number of factors. If your space becomes too warm it's important that you let your administrator know right away.

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Laurie Apsinall is paddling off into the sunset

Judith Hightower is taking a hike.

DAVE2: REACHING NEW HEIGHTS
(DAVE TRUSS, DAVE SANDS)

Joanna Hourihane's retirement social

Kerry Lockwood is retiring

Celebrate Lori Hetherington & Maxine Vance

LAUREN OLIVER'S RETIREMENT PARTY


Michelle Watkins is retiring.

Bon Voyage Lisa Di Marco

Don Gordon is heading into hibernation


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.



PD Power

There are still spots open for attendees at our Ignite 43 event on May 27 at Samz Pub in Port Coquitlam.

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.

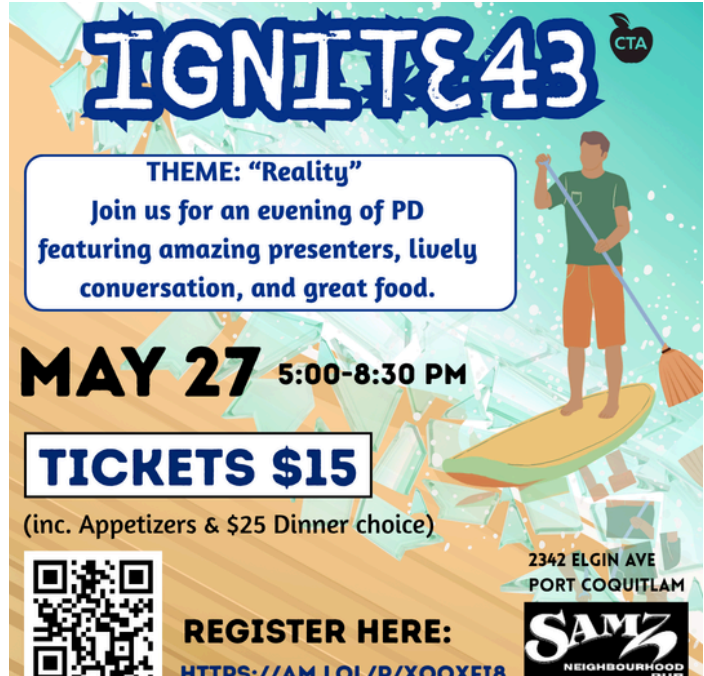
Secure your spot by registering here: <https://am.lol/p/XQOXfi8>



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



IGNITE 43

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

SAMZ
NEIGHBOURHOOD PUB

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



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. All CTA members are welcome, so come and join us!

Social Justice Conference 2026

Last weekend, three members of Coquitlam's Committee for Action on Social Justice attended the BCTF's biannual Social Justice Conference. The members connected with social justice chairs and contacts from across the province. The members attended keynote presentations, a panel, and workshops.

The keynotes were given by Vivek Shraya, an artist, writer, and cultural thinker, and Seth Klein, a consultant, speaker, researcher, and writer. The panel focused on the interface of the Manosphere, misinformation, and far right populist tactics. The workshops covered a number of social and social justice related topics. Some of the highlights were the Sts'ailes Walking Workshop led by two knowledge keepers, a workshop that explored the pedagogical potential of Drag in K-12 contexts, and a workshop on anti-ableism.

The members learnt a lot and made some great connections.

Social Justice Resource Spotlight:

In recognition of the fact that May is Asian Heritage Month, the Committee for Action on Social Justice would like to highlight the webpage Asia-Canada Timeline (<https://thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/timeline/asia-canada>) from the website of the Canadian Encyclopedia. The timeline includes key events, the discrimination that many Asian groups suffered, and the contributions of various Asian groups to Canadian society. It starts in 1788 and spans over 200 years.

TTOC'S & New Teachers'

It was great seeing many of you at the Rec Room and Poco Bowl events over the last two weeks! We hope that you enjoyed some social time and had good conversations with your colleagues. Next year we hope to run events spread throughout the year – make sure that you keep an eye on the newsletter for what is happening when! Also, if you enjoyed chatting with your colleagues about what's going on for TTOCs in the district right now, please consider joining the CTA TTOC Committee where we get to have those conversations all year.



Stay tuned for information on our year end social! 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 biopceducators@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
- 1 Member who identifies as 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:

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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