

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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**CTA REP
ASSEMBLY
TODAY!!!**

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

04:00 – 06:00 PM

Montgomery Centre – Gym



Executive Committee VACANCY

One (1) Member-at-Large

Members interested in running for this position should submit a CV form located on the CTA website and submit it to Corbey at the CTA Office **before 4:30 pm on Monday, September 28, 2026.**

Elections will be held at the CTA AGM on Wednesday, October 7, 2026.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Montgomery Centre Gym

Acknowledgement

1. Call to Order

- Adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of the minutes of the Special General Meeting held May 6, 2025.

2. Elections

2026-2027 Executive Committee:

- Members-at-Large (1)
- BC Federation of Labour Convention Delegates (3)

3. Financial Reports

- Auditor's Report
- Financial Statements
- 2026-27 Finance Recommendations

4. Ratification of Committee Chairpersons

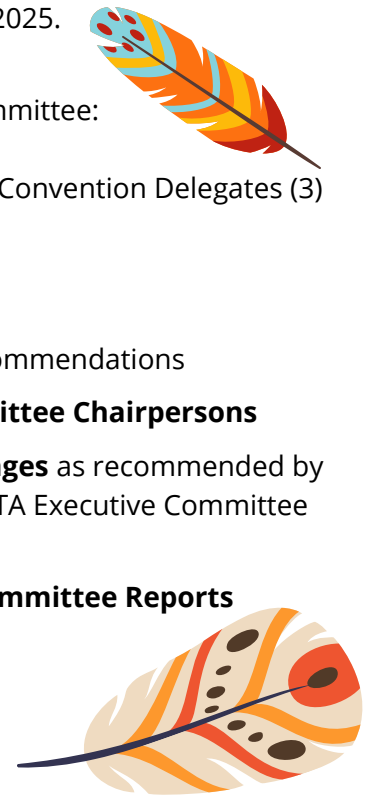
5. Proposed Policy Changes as recommended by the September 3, 2026 CTA Executive Committee meeting

6. Receive 2025-2026 Committee Reports

7. Leadership Report

8. Prize Draws

9. Adjournment



New Language in Your Collective Agreement

First Nations Leave for External Employment

This new Letter of Understanding (LOU) provides First Nations teachers with continuing status with the option to take a leave of up to a year to work on their traditional territory in BC. There is the option for the leave to be extended for another year for a total of two. This letter is in place for the term of the current contract and will be reviewed in 2029 when they will decide if there need to be any changes or if the letter will be renewed.

President's Message

With the school year underway, routines are settling in and the beautiful weather offers a nice respite from the busy transition.

While TTOC work has started slowly—as is typical after an extended break—opportunities should pick up soon as sick days and release-time activities increase. On a positive note, the CE recall process is nearly finished, and most members who lost positions last spring have been placed into new work.

The federal funding cuts to the LINC program were a major blow. However, it is comforting that many affected teachers are finding new roles supporting adult and high school learners within the district, often reconnecting with students from their previous programs.

Finally, I encourage everyone to look locally for ways to advance our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. Many powerful events are happening across the Lower Mainland to honor the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th.

Take care - Diether



Some are calling this “choose your employer day” as it’s a time where we get to elect School Trustees, along with Mayor and City Counsellors.

BCTF polling repeatedly shows that teachers’ voices are instrumental in affecting perspectives among your family, friends, and neighbours. Please encourage those around you to get informed and to vote not only for Mayor and City Counsellors but also for School Trustees. We need to consider incumbents as well as new voices. We need ensure that those who are elected are committed to schools being safe for all students and families. We need to ensure that the School Board is a strong, locally accountable voice advocating for making things better for students and all those who work with and care for them. [Here's a great article from the 2022 election](#) that outlines the role of a school trustee. Pass it around via your socials including by personal email to those you know would be interested.

The BCTF is in the process of updating a comprehensive list of all school trustee candidates who have received local labour council or local teacher association endorsements. This list is posted on the BCTF member portal, so only those with member login can access it. The content of this list is not private and BCTF members can share the info. [Here's a link to that resource](#) which continues to be updated.



Request for Representation on the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) 2026-27

In the spirit of friendship and reconciliation, School District 43 Coquitlam (SD43) Board of Education is committed to walking respectfully alongside the Kwikwetlem First Nation (KFN), Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and Urban Indigenous families to ensure the success and well-being of all Indigenous students.

As you are aware, each Board of Education is required to establish and maintain an Indigenous Education Council (IEC) to support the delivery of comprehensive and equitable education and services for Indigenous students. These councils play a crucial role in decision-making and ensuring that Indigenous students receive meaningful representation. Based on student data, each Board is to consider the diversity within the Indigenous student population and invite additional voices to the IEC that reflect the perspectives and needs of those students. We look forward to strengthening our partnerships to best support the Indigenous students of SD43 children through our IECs.

We are inviting one representative from the Coquitlam Teachers’ Association (CTA) to be a non-voting member of the IEC. This representative will be an SD43 teacher of Indigenous ancestry working at a secondary school site for the 2026-27 school year. The person elected will be expected to attend four formal meetings per year either during the day or in the evening. Honorariums will be provided for participation in meetings scheduled outside of the standard work day.

If you are interested in consideration for selection by the IEC, please send a short rationale explaining why you want to be involved and your connection to Indigenous education.

Please send your contact information (email and phone) and rationale by **Friday, September 25, 2026**, to District Principal of Indigenous Education Stephanie Maki smaki@sd43.bc.ca.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



September 30

BCTF



TRUTH & RECONCILIATION EVENTS

Film screening of Laxwesa Wa: Strength of the River | Culture Days 2026 This NFB film honours the Stó:lō people through an exploration of the story of the Fraser River and why it is of such significance to many Indigenous communities. **September 26 @ 2:00 pm at the Michael Wright Art Gallery (Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam).** **Free to attend.**

The Path Forward – Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
The VSO is presenting a free concert with Coast Salish artists and musicians, followed by a fashion Show and additional Performance. No tickets required. **September 27 @ 4:00 (Concert begins at 6:00) at the Orpheum Theatre. Free to attend.**

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Maple Ridge
Spend the day viewing performances, visiting with Indigenous vendors, painting an orange shirt, and contributing to a community art project, all while learning more about the history and truth of Turtle Island and the impact colonization had and has upon Indigenous peoples and communities. **September 27 @ 9:30–3:00 at Memorial Peace Park in Maple Ridge. Free to attend.**

Truth & Reconciliation Day | Culture Days 2026

In honour of the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Sep 30), join us for a day of cultural experiences and reflection, led by MONOVA's Indigenous Cultural Programmers, Jordan Dawson & Tsawaysia Spukwus. Visitors of all ages will be welcomed to engage in hands-on activities, guided tours, and thoughtful games developed to inspire meaningful dialogue about the history of Indigenous rights. **September 30 @ 10:00–5:00 at the Museum of North Vancouver. Free, with the option to pay what you can as a donation.**



September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day to honour residential school Survivors, remember the children who never returned home, and reflect on the ongoing impacts of colonialism. As educators, we have a responsibility to continue learning, listening, and creating space for Indigenous voices, histories, cultures, and contemporary experiences in our classrooms. Truth and reconciliation is not a one-day commitment. Let's continue the work throughout the year.

Truth & Reconciliation Resources

Animations: <https://www.nfb.ca/channels/indigenous-made-animation-films/>

Documentaries:

https://www.nfb.ca/channels/edu_home_indigenous_voices_reconciliation_en/

The NFB's Unikkausivut: Sharing Our Stories collection offers resources centered on Inuit stories, culture, history, and life today.

<https://www.nfb.ca/education/playlist/unikkausivut-sharing-our-stories/>

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation has a wealth of knowledge, including the 94 Calls to Action: Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action – NCTR and a variety of educational resources grouped by age group: Education Resources – NCTR

The 4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning Course is a popular PD option for teachers. It starts in November and runs until May, providing one hour of learning each month in a presentation that you can choose to view live or recorded. 4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning Course – NEW – Outdoor Learning School & Store

You can find resources and ideas to support your planning for this Truth and Reconciliation Day on teachermag.ca, including a Truth and Reconciliation Day lesson plan, ideas for commemorating September 30, an example of school-wide learning about truth and reconciliation, and more.



BC FEDERATION OF LABOUR CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 23 TO NOVEMBER 27, 2026

As in the past, the CTA is sending **three (3) delegates** to the convention and will cover the cost of any leaves required to participate in the convention.

More information about the convention can be found here <https://bcfed.ca/events/2026-bcfed-convention>.

Teachers interested in attending as delegates should fill out a [CV form](#) located on the CTA website and submit it to [Corbey](#) at the CTA Office by **4:30 pm on Monday, September 28, 2026**.

Delegates to the convention will be elected or acclaimed at the upcoming CTA AGM on Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

Chalk Talk Thursday

The CTA is hosting quick, 30 minute virtual sessions on a variety of topics around teacher rights and responsibilities throughout this school year!

Each month there is a new topic and everyone is welcome to attend this virtual chat to learn more about intricacies of our job, how our collective agreement works, and the ways in which you can get support, get involved, or get your questions answered!

Add the first few dates to your calendar – links will be shared in the CTA newsletter.

Thursday, October 8 @ 3:30pm

How to Decipher Your Pay Statement

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85377530096?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85377530096?pwd=axLd3w8osMgT3SGb29od3UvAm6amaV.1)

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[Meeting ID: 853 7753 0096 Passcode: 783341](#)

Thursday, November 5 @ 3:30pm

What is Conversion, How Do I Get There, & What Happens When I Do?

Thursday, December 3 @ 3:30pm

Supports for Teacher Wellbeing

Starling Minds webinar: Feel Better About Money

We're excited to invite you to Starling Mind's upcoming live webinar: Feel better about money—simple steps to reduce financial stress and build your future. This session will be led by Saijal Patel, founder and chief executive officer of Saij Elle, a financial education company dedicated to helping people build financial confidence and long-term wealth.

The webinar will provide practical tools and strategies to help you understand how mindset and attitude impact your financial health. In a supportive and practical space, you will learn how to identify your money personality, make saving easier, and set goals that fit your life.

This webinar is taking place on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. [Register Here](#)

Fall 2026 Basic First Aid and new Joint Health & Safety Committee member training

District Occupational Health & Safety will reach out to those identified needing First Aid or new member JHSC training.

(The in house training sessions are held at ELC and run 8am to 4pm ish)

Basic First Aid

- Tuesday, October 6
- Wednesday, October 7
- Tuesday, October 13
- Thursday, October 15

JHSC Training

- Wednesday, October 21
- Wednesday, October 28
- Thursday, October 29
- Wednesday, November 4

FIRST NATION TEACHER MENTORSHIP PATHWAY

The Provincial Teacher Mentorship Program, in collaboration with UBC and the SD43 Indigenous Education Department, invites First Nations teachers to join the First Nation Teacher Mentorship Pathway.

The pathway honors First Nation ways of knowing and learning through non-hierarchical mentorship grounded in community, connection, and reciprocity. It creates space for First Nation educators to learn from and support one another, while strengthening professional practice and fostering personal and cultural well-being.

Participants can expect:

Culturally grounded mentorship. Learning rooted in First Nation ways of knowing, values, teachings, and lived experiences. **Connection across Nations and regions.** Opportunities to build relationships, share knowledge, and grow alongside colleagues. **Community and land-connected learning.** Gatherings may be virtual or in person and are guided by community knowledge, relationships, and place. **Reciprocity and shared growth.** Mentorship centers relationships, respect, reciprocity, intergenerational learning, wellness, and cultural strength.

Visit ptmp.educ.ubc.ca/first-nation-teacher-mentorship/ to learn more. Email irene.isaac@ubc.ca if you're interested in being a part of the Pathway!

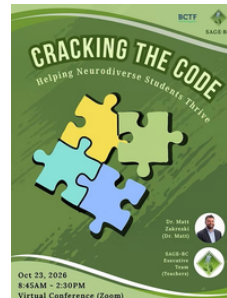
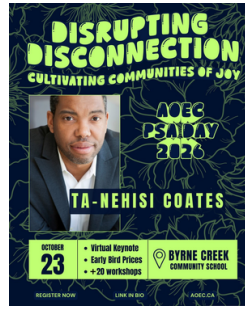
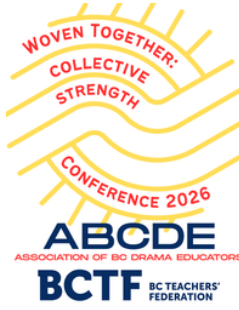
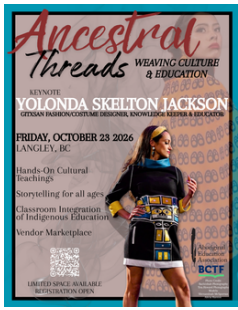
Opportunity for BIPOC members to attend FLI

More information can be found here.

ial Justice Ignite!

If you are interested in presenting at Ignite, please reach out with your name and a quick idea of what your topic would be to casj@cta43.org. Registration to attend this Social Justice Ignite will open in early October!

PSA Day October 23, 2026



Yellow Application for PD Assistance Forms are due by **4 PM, Friday, October 9, 2026.**
Don't wait, register and get those forms in today!!

For more information on assistance available see the CTA Website [PD Assistance Page](#)

[Click here](#) for a full list and more information about current PSA Day offerings.

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 - 1 CTA Rep
District Accessibility Committee - Currently Full
District Anti-Racism Committee - Currently Full



New Westminster 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.

Standing Committees

CTA Negotiations Committee

3 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 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Policy and Procedure Committee

2 Members 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 Alt. 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 Secondary Rep,
1 Member who 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, 3 Elementary Reps,
1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour



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

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HomeWeb.ca

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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