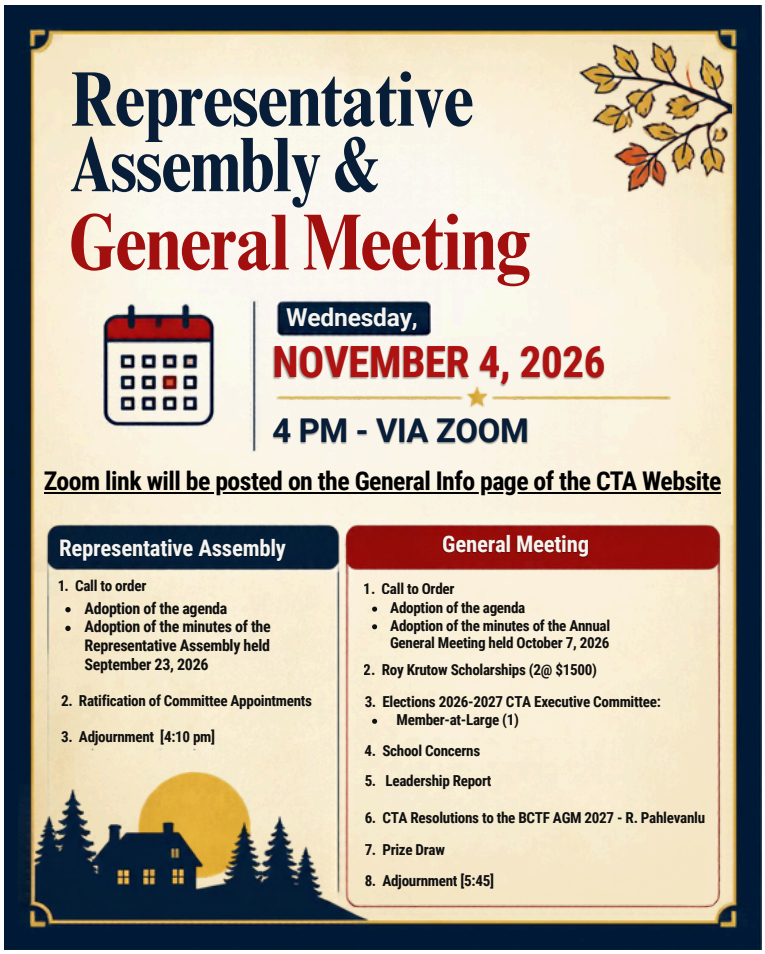
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PD Reimbursement

If you applied to the CTA for reimbursement, there are **3 easy steps** to follow for reimbursement :

1. Fill in the conference report linked here
2. Find your receipt
3. Scan both documents, save as PDF, and email both with your name in the subject line to pd@cta43.org

Attachments only. NO links, NO sharing, NOT in the body of the email. Do not send it straight from the photocopier.

Send ONLY to pd@cta43.org. Other CTA emails will not be forwarded.

YES! You do need to send your receipt in again.
NO! You don't need a copy of your yellow form.

New to the District? TQS Information Requirement

If you are new to the District this year, don't forget that you must provide all necessary documentation about salary placement to the Board within three months of hire. That means that you need to provide a copy of your TQS card to the district. If you don't have your documents within that time period you must communicate the delay to the Board to request an extension.

Ensuring your TRB certification is up to date

To help avoid interruptions in certification status, we encourage members to take the following steps:

Verify Your Contact Information

- Log in to your BCeID account and ensure that your email address and mailing address are current.

Confirm Your Certificate Remains in Good Standing

- If you were on leave from your school district in May, verify that your annual practice fee was paid on your behalf by checking your April 30 end of month pay statement.
- If you were on an unpaid leave, you are responsible for paying for your certification.
- Each summer, particularly if you were on any form of leave during the spring, check the TRB online registry to confirm that your teaching certificate remains valid and in good standing.

Check Your Criminal Record Check Status

- Review your account information to confirm when your next five-year criminal record check is due.
- Beginning in January of the year your criminal record check is scheduled, periodically check your BCeID account for updates and follow up with the TRB if necessary.
- Regularly review your junk or spam folders, as important notifications may be filtered by email providers. (Gmail appears to be particularly problematic for this).
- For majority of members, your criminal record check happens automatically with no follow up needed, but reviewing your junk or spam ensures that you don't miss important steps in case there's an issue.

Members are ultimately responsible for maintaining their certification and ensuring that all requirements associated with criminal record checks and annual fees are completed. Taking a few minutes to review your status can help avoid unexpected suspensions or cancellations.

President's Message

Recent elections have brought significant changes to our School Board and provincial government. As we approach a day where we are asked to remember how many freedoms we take for granted were won, we must also act to protect them.

We'll find allies, as well as opposition, among elected officials. We look forward to working with the new School Board to ensure proper school funding and preserve important programs.

We must keep learning about freedoms not everyone enjoys. Though inequities are more visible than a generation ago, much remains to be learned. We're committed to acknowledging this truth. Those with privilege can use their positions to help secure freedom for others.

You do so much for students, families, and colleagues—far beyond your job requirements. Your daily work lifts those around you; never doubt its value.

This work is not individual. Together, we push toward the world we want. Elections change who's at the table and the nature of the work, but the work remains.

"When I look at all the forces aligned to roll back and block democratic change--the concentration of wealth, the structures of minority rule, the market imperative of endless growth, the seemingly irrepressible appeal of racism, and the rapidity of climate change--I feel my will weaken. Given the magnitude of the task at hand, how can people like me possibly make a dent? The established order is so big and powerful, and a single individual so vulnerable and small. But when I engage my intellect, something approaching optimism is possible. The past is proof that it can be done,"

— Astra Taylor (2019)

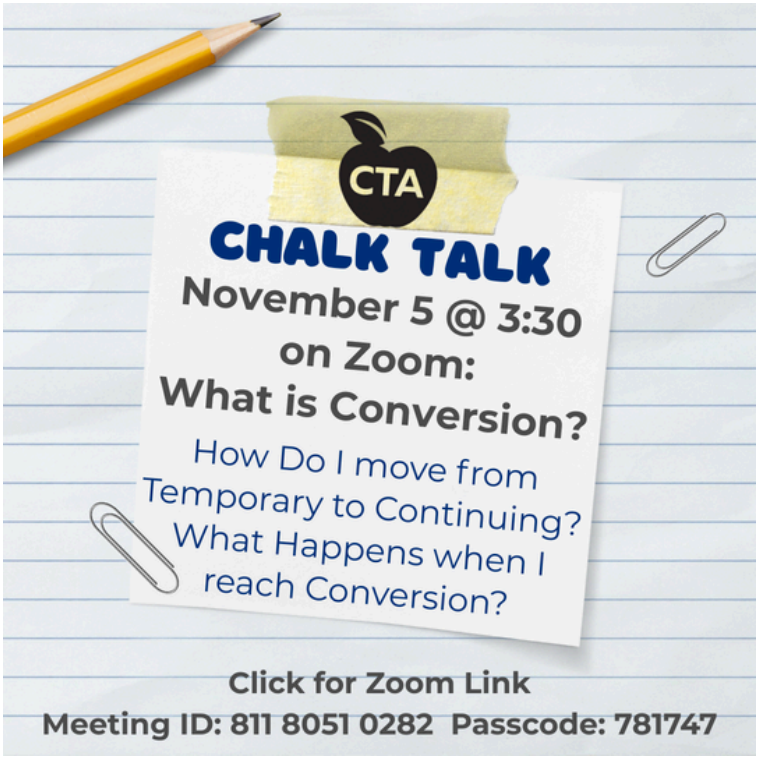
In solidarity – Diether

Teacher Pension Plan Child Care Credit

If you take time away from work to raise your child under age seven, you can have your child-rearing time recognized as contributory service in BC's Teachers' Pension Plan.

You can apply for a maximum of five years of contributory service for child-rearing over the course of your career. Increasing your contributory service could help you become eligible for an unreduced pension earlier.

For more info, please see TPP website here: https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/receive-credit-for-child-rearing



Friday Absence

Several members of the CTA Team are at training on Friday, November, 6. the easiest way to reach them with questions or concerns will be via email.

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BCRTA Pension Seminars

Understanding Pensions and Benefits: An Essential Retirement Workshop from B C Retired Teachers' Association (BCRTA)

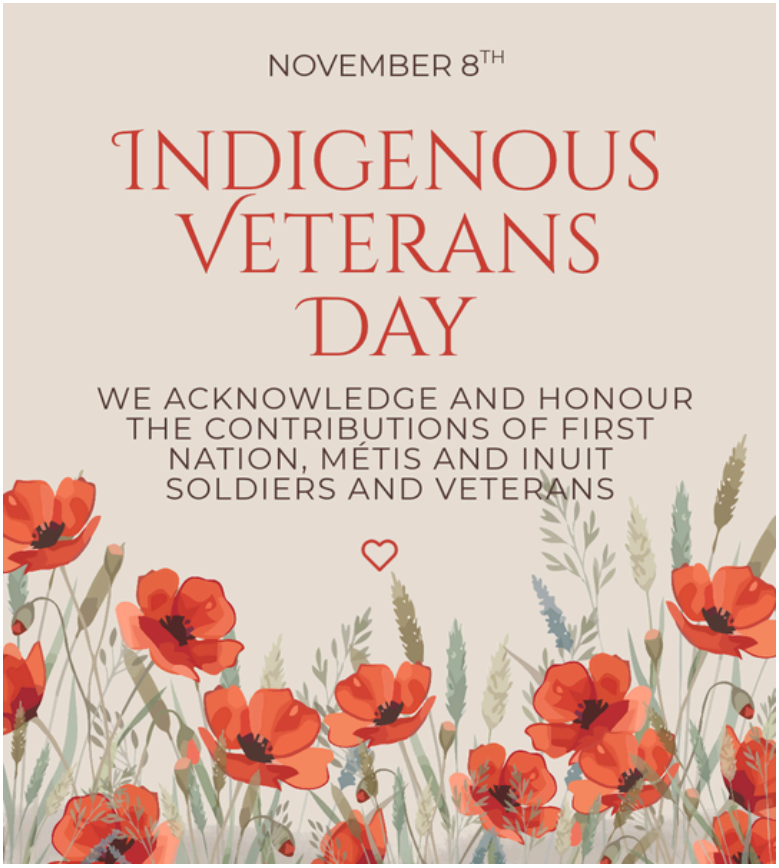
The important decisions that will determine your retirement lifestyle should not be made at the last minute as you fill out your forms.

All teachers age 50+ should plan to attend one of BCRTA's Pre-Retirement online (Zoom) workshops. The workshops are free. You get great planning materials along with answers to questions you have about your retirement.

Please pre-register at https://bcrta.ca/workshops/

The agenda includes: Teachers' Pension Plan, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and voluntary group benefits. Information about choosing your group benefits (dental, extended health and travel).
We show some of the differences between the plans and help equip you to select the plan that best suits your needs.

November 5, 2026	**4 PM**
November 12, 2026	**7 PM**
November 26, 2026	**7 PM**
January 19, 2027	**7 PM**
February 18, 2027	**7 PM**
March 31, 2027	**7 PM**
April 22, 2027	**7 PM**
May 4, 2027	**7 PM**
May 27, 2027	**7 PM**





GenNEXT Leadership Lab Applications Open!

GenNEXT Leadership Lab will support equity-deserving members to build their leadership skills, grow their confidence, and develop the relationships and tools needed to step into leadership roles within their schools, locals, and at the Federation level.

GenNEXT is designed to strengthen our union by creating space for new voices and perspectives. If you have been looking for a way to upskill your leadership abilities, get involved with your union, and connect with like-minded folks, keep reading!

The pilot program will have up to 12 spots for members with no previous union experience.

Please see here for further information and application details. The deadline to apply is November 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. PCT.

PD Power

With another successful Provincial Specialist Association Day behind us, we are now turning our attention to the CTA Professional Development Day on February 26, 2027, at Gleneagle Secondary.

We are excited to announce that our keynote speaker will be **Paula MacDowell, Associate Dean and Assistant Professor** in Educational Technology and Design at the University of Saskatchewan. A recognized leader in educational technology, digital literacy, and innovative pedagogy, Paula's work explores how educators can thoughtfully respond to emerging technologies while fostering creativity, student agency, and meaningful learning experiences. Her research examines how teaching and learning continue to evolve in an increasingly complex and connected world.

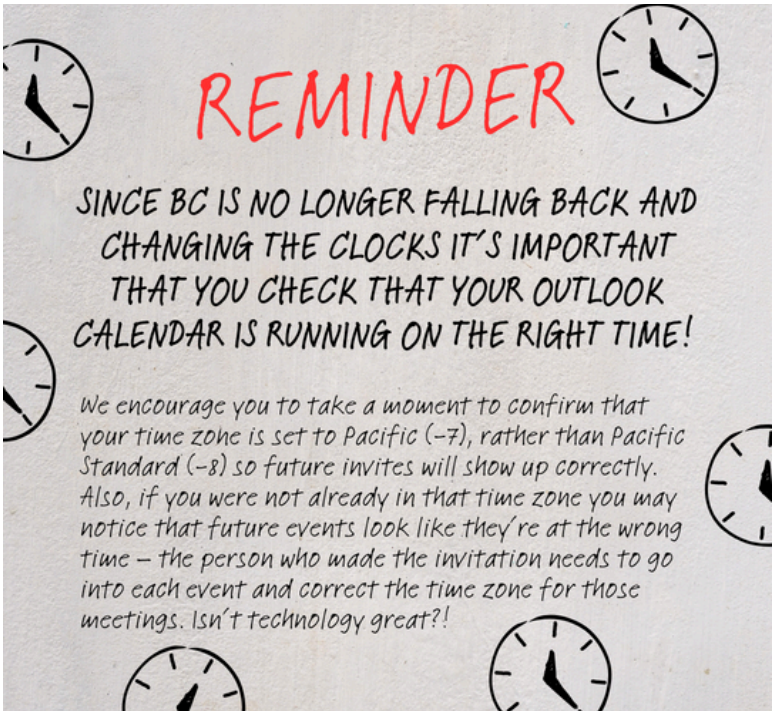


This year's theme, Teaching for the Future, invites educators to consider the opportunities and challenges shaping education today and, in the years, ahead. We welcome workshop and seminar proposals that support effective teaching and learning in a rapidly changing world. Topics may include innovative instructional practices, assessment, student well-being, inclusion and accessibility, digital literacy, emerging technologies, student engagement, career readiness, or any other area that helps educators prepare students for the future while strengthening practice in the present.

As we begin planning the day, we invite anyone interested in presenting, or anyone who knows a potential presenter, to complete the application at https://activitymessenger.com/p/V3kcVc3. You may also email pdchair@cta43.org with presenter suggestions or questions about the event.

Please remember that the submission deadline is December 1, 2026. According to CTA Policy 9.e.2, CTA members are eligible for a $50 honorarium for each 90-minute session. The CTA PD Committee will review workshop proposals at our December meeting.

We look forward to learning from the expertise, experiences, and ideas of our CTA colleagues.





COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ



"When I wear my poppy, I'm remembering everyone affected by war, across races, genders, ideologies and borders. I'm remembering the tragedy of war, all wars. I wear it in the hope that wars will be a thing of the past." — Dave Stewart, Canadian writer, musician, and filmmaker

Take Time to Remember an activity booklet for young children that introduces concepts of remembrance in an accessible and fun manner.

Indigenous Veterans Education Toolkit The lessons in this Education Toolkit are intended to provide templates for educators to share the experience of Indigenous veterans in Canada. These lessons support educators in having access to information and approaches that align with Indigenous perspectives. At our next CASJ meeting (Date TBD) we will be talking about the possibility of creating an informative and instructional pamphlet surrounding a chosen social justice topic such as Responding to Discrimination at Work.

French as a First or Working Language

The CTA is excited to share that a new Standing Committee has been created to support the important work happening in French in our district. If you are a French Immersion or Core French teacher, you are invited to submit a CV for this new committee. Discussions will focus on issues affecting these communities and aim to focus advocacy to strengthen our policies, collective agreement, and support overall. The committee may also decide to organize events or offer PD opportunities specific to this area of education. We hope you'll join us (CV linked on the last page of the newsletter)!



TTOC'S & New Teachers'

Do you wonder how the workboard is set up? Do you have ideas for what information TTOCs should be given at hire? Do you want to set up a social, but don't want to do it alone? If so, the CTA TTOC Committee is the place for you!

The committee meets to discuss current topics and concerns, consider how we can improve support for Teachers Teaching on Call, and plans events to help TTOCs connect with each other throughout the year. Our next meeting is Monday, November 9 at 4:00 on Zoom. If you're working some or all of your time as a TTOC in Coquitlam, then you're invited to join us and see what the committee if like. If you enjoy it, maybe you'll fill in a CV (linked on the last page of the newsletter) to become an official committee member!

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89925558159?pwd=X3DbIGoq1JbmNJSafQrPjHdoxQMVR0.1

Meeting ID: 899 2555 8159 Passcode: 927777





The next BIPOC Committee meeting is Tuesday November 24th at 4:00 PM Nemesis Coffee (2968 Christmas Way).

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.

Join the BIPOC Educators' Committee Book Club



Join in reading Akwaeke Emezi's Pet, to explore themes of social justice and identity. **We will meet on Tuesday, January 19th to discuss the novel, location TBD.** Please RSVP to bipoceducators@cta43.org to indicate interest and whether you have access to a copy of the book. A limited number of books will be available for loan.

Halloween Costume Contest

A huge thank you to everyone who submitted a photo for the Annual CTA Halloween Costume Contest – it's great seeing what you all came up with!
The winners for 2026 are:
Best Costume: Jennifer Whitcher, Port Moody Secondary School
Best Group Costume: APEX, Encompass, and LINC
Best Handmade Costume: Smiling Creek Elementary
Congratulations! Winners will be contacted soon with prize information!












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GEORGE
MARIA
TOM
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102625
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102725
Cheese strings
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$25.99
102925
Assorted candy
10lbs
$17.99
102925
Plums
9 lbs
49.95









COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES



School District Advisory Committees

District Student Services - Currently Full
District Student Achievement - 2 Elem. 1 Middle
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.

CTA Standing Committees

CTA Negotiations Committee
2 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)
1 Secondary Reps, 3 Elementary Reps
1 Member who identifies as Indigenous
1 Member who identifies as Black or a Person of Colour

CTA Committee French as First of Working Language
2 Secondary Reps - French Immersion
2 Secondary Reps- Core French
2 Middle Reps - French Immersion
2 Middle Reps - Core French
2 Elementary Reps - French Immersion
2 Elementary Reps - Core French
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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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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