



# Strike Update

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## FSA Tests - LRB Ruling

Teachers are not practising the FSAs with students, organizing or administering or supervising the FSAs, and not marking the FSAs.

This year the Foundation Skills Assessment will be conducted by administrators between January 16 and February 24, 2012. The LRB approved Phase 1 job action, excludes teachers from participating in the administration or supervision of FSAs. Administrators will be making all arrangements to conduct and supervise the FSAs without the assistance of teachers.

## Health and Safety Issues

Inspections, investigations, joint health and safety committee meetings (site based) are all part of the roles and responsibilities of health and safety representatives.

Joint committees are responsible for conducting risk assessments to determine what hazards and risks workers would be exposed to in their workplace. The committee also is responsible for making recommendations to the employer on how to eliminate or minimize the risks. Inspections are meant to identify and prevent any situation from harming a worker.

An administrator may give an inspection checklist to a classroom teacher if the checklist originates from recommendations made by the joint health and safety committee and that administrator is a joint committee member. In terms of joint committee membership, all members are equal in their responsibilities to ensure a safe and healthy workplace for all workers.

## VESTA News Letter Writing Challenge

The next issue of VESTA News will feature "Dear Editor" letters from teachers. Please write letters that express your hopes for what should be in a new Collective Agreement, or school or student needs that need to be met, or an "I remember when..." piece, or another topic related to bargaining, cuts to education, the new Education Plan or the Collective Agreement. It will be a way to share ideas or to inform our younger members. Email [gerry@vesta.ca](mailto:gerry@vesta.ca) by January 20.

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