



# Staff Rep Weekly

2012 September 28

**\*\*\*Please share this important information with all VESTA members\*\*\***

## Dates to Remember

**Meetings @4 PM at VESTA Office unless otherwise indicated**

**October 2-3**

Staff Union Rep Training (SURT) 9-3, Maritime Labour Centre

**October 9**

VESTA Executive Committee

**October 15**

Anti-Poverty Committee

**October 16**

General Meeting/Staff Rep Assembly, Tupper Secondary

**October 18**

Sustainability Committee

**October 18**

Adult Education Executive

**October 19**

Professional Development Day (PSA Day)

**October 22**

Status of Women Committee

**October 24**

Anti-Racism Committee

## Online Bargaining Survey Closes Soon

VESTA begins negotiations in March 2013, because our current Collective Agreement expires on June 30, 2013.

All members should take the opportunity to complete the VESTA bargaining survey which is found on the home page of our website at [www.vesta.ca](http://www.vesta.ca). It will be accessible until Wednesday October 3. Member input is essential to help VESTA's bargaining team create local objectives that address the needs of our members as well to help form BCTF provincial objectives.

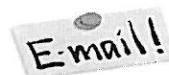
The collated results of the survey will be brought to our General Meeting on October 16.

Thank you in advance for your participation and please forward the link to other VESTA members once you've completed the survey.

## SURT Training

It is very important that all schools send representatives for all four roles to the School Union Representative Training next Tuesday or Wednesday October 2-3. Your Senior Staff Rep, Staff Committee Chairperson, Professional Issues Rep and Health and Safety Rep will receive training specific to their role and have opportunities to have discussions with your own school team and those from other schools.

Please remember to book your TTOC under SEMS Code 41 for Union Leave (resource teachers included) and that this full day is in place of the monthly half-day release for staff reps. There will be no half-day release in October.



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## Reminder for Staff Reps

Thank you to all staff reps who have returned the staff rep list and committee contact sheet for their school. If you have not yet done so please send this information to the VESTA Office as soon as possible.

## Did You Know?

The new Family Responsibility Leave is an entitlement, rather than a request. This new leave is unpaid, and allows VESTA members 5 days leave each year to meet responsibilities surrounding any member of their immediate family.

This new leave provision was negotiated by the Provincial bargaining team. Before this clause, members would have to request and be granted a day of personal leave without pay.