



Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA Office, 4 PM unless otherwise indicated

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

October 24
Health and Safety Committee

On October 16 VESTA members will meet with colleagues from Vancouver Secondary Teachers Association as the Vancouver Teachers Federation. We will pass our local objectives and provide input to help BCTF provincial objectives for the next bargaining round which starts in March 2013.

The collated results of the recent bargaining survey will be given to the meeting and will form the basis of our discussions.

Thanks to all members who completed the survey. Member input helps us craft local and provincial objectives to meet the identified needs of our members.

VTF/VESTA General Meetings/Staff Rep Assembly

After the VTF meeting there will be a VESTA General Meeting followed by the monthly Staff Rep Assembly. The major item on the general meeting agenda is the election of delegates to the 55th BC Federation Of Labour Convention. VESTA is entitled to 13 delegates and there are still some spots available.

The British Columbia Federation of Labour speaks for over 500,000 members of affiliated unions working in every aspect of the BC economy. The convention is an amazing experience with nearly 1000 union representatives from all parts of the province coming together. Any members interested in attending (even if for less than five days) should send their names to jack@vesta.ca as soon as possible.



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Did You Know?

That the new Compassionate Care Leave includes a top-up process similar to the Maternity Leave Top-Up provision. Prior to this new clause, teachers had the ability to access EI benefits while they cared for a family member who was seriously ill.

The new provisions mean that a member will be covered at 100% of their regular salary for the 2 week waiting period, and top up the EI benefits to 100% of regular salary for the 6 weeks of eligibility. This makes it significantly easier for members to take leave to care for family members, and to do so with no loss of salary.