



Stronger Together

2015 April 8

# Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

## Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

### April 13

Anti-Poverty  
Status of Women

VSBC Budget – 5:30 pm  
Stakeholders meeting  
at VSBC office – Join us!

### April 14

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## VESTA Executive Committee Nominations Open for 2015-16

A reminder for members that the deadline to apply is April 15. Call VESTA or email a table officer for more info about the roles and duties of any position.

## Families Against Cuts to Education – FACE Rally April 12

Join with parents, students and other concerned citizens who want our provincial government to increase funding for public education! Rally on Sunday, April 12, noon, at the Vancouver Art Gallery's north side. **Make an effort to get to this rally on Sunday!** Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your neighbours!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1550717231856110/>

## Fight for 15 – Day of Action, April 15

On March 12, Clark's BC Liberal government announced a measly 20 cent increase to the minimum wage, with indexing. This is a far cry from the BC Federation of Labour's campaign for \$15 an hour, which lifts these workers just above the poverty line. **We need you to send a message to Premier Christy Clark and Jobs Minister Shirley Bond that twenty cents is not enough!**

**Email:** Christy Clark — [premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:premier@gov.bc.ca) and

Minister Shirley Bond — [JTST.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:JTST.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

**Tweet:** @christyclarkbc @shirleybond @bcfed #fightforfifteenbc #bcpoli

Wednesday, April 15 is our monthly day of action, which in April targets McDonald's restaurants at various locations (and in other cities and towns). The idea is to go out in front of McDonald's restaurants wherever we can to hold up signs— a "Burmashave"— that spell out a message criticizing McDonald's for low wages and huge profits. In Vancouver, First Call is going to the McDonald's at Burrard & Georgia at 5pm. Other locations include the McDonald's HQ at 4400 Still Creek Dr. in Burnaby. Show your support to boost the minimum wage!

## BCTF's International Solidarity – From Ayotzinapa to Ottawa 4pm, Monday, April 13, 2015

In person: BCTF building, 550 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Online: on Livestream at <https://livestream.com/BCTF/Apr132015>.

On September 26, a group of student teachers were attacked by police in the state of Guerrero, Mexico – 43 students disappeared and are presumed murdered. The caravan to Ottawa is trying to bring attention to the crisis in Mexico. Please join the BCTF in international solidarity as a part of this Caravan to Ottawa.

Translation provided. For more info, call Anne Field [604-871-2251](tel:604-871-2251) [afield@bctf.ca](mailto:afield@bctf.ca)

## Upcoming Events – Thursday, April 23

### Staying Well at Teaching – A workshop to help you out!

In this FREE workshop, hosted by VESTA Professional Issues Committee, you will learn how to recognize and start reducing stress, as well as improve your work to-life balance. Light snacks will be provided. **Thursday, April 23 from 4 to 7 pm** at VESTA. Send an email with your name, non-VSB email and school to [vilnam@vesta.ca](mailto:vilnam@vesta.ca) by **Friday, April 10**. Register NOW!

