



Stronger Together

2015 April 15

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

April 20

WLC/B

Fight for 15, 7 pm

April 21

4pm, Staff Rep Assembly
Tupper Cafeteria

April 22

Health & Safety

April 23

Staying Well at Teaching

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New PeopleSoft Payroll System – Report Errors

If you are experiencing any errors with new VSB PeopleSoft payroll system or the pay advice received, please report the problem directly to them. The dedicated helpline for VSB PeopleSoft is 604-713-5201, or members can email peoplesoft@vsb.bc.ca

Education Fund and School Role in Consultations

Members are being asked at schools by principals about the Education Fund for 2015-16. We would like to remind members to continue to follow policy established for the LIF which has the goal of ensuring that these funds are used to benefit the widest number of schools as possible. The following motions were passed at a VESTA general meeting:

THAT VESTA seek that the LIF funds be used to replace Resource Teachers from the first day of absence.

THAT VESTA seek to increase the number of area counsellors, speech language pathologists, and teacher psychologists using the LIF fund.

We need to avoid scenarios where individual schools compete with each other for more funds. The policies above address system wide needs that will benefit all schools. Please recommend them to your school principal at any staff committee meeting.

Stop Bill C-51 – Rally at Vancouver Art Gallery

1pm, Saturday, 2015 April 18

As you may be well aware, a proposed legislation known as [Bill C-51: The Anti-Terrorism Act](#) was tabled on January 30, 2015. It is a highly controversial legislation that has brought together groups of varying backgrounds and interests in opposition and has had a profoundly unifying effect on all of Canada.

It is anticipated that it will be up for vote in the House of Commons after Parliament resumes on April 20. As such, a nation-wide movement is underway to promote the week of April 13 as [A Week of Education to Stop Bill C-51](#) culminating with another nation-wide rally on **Saturday, April 18**. In Vancouver, the rally will be held at 1pm at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

"[Bill C-51 brings] the entire Charter into jeopardy, undermines the rule of law, and goes against the fundamental role of judges as the protectors of Canada's constitutional rights." -- Canadian Bar Association

Upcoming Events – Monday, May 11 at 7pm

Panel Discussion on Social Policy and Inequality in BC - SFU Woodward's, Djavad Mowafaghian World Art Centre. Free Event — Award-winning journalist Andrew Macleod, *The Tyee* editor David Beers and Senior Economist with Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Iglia Ivanova will host this panel, Q&A to discuss tangible solutions for reducing staggering inequality in BC (where the richest 10 percent earn more than half the wealth).