



*Stronger Together*

2014 April 16

# Staff Rep Weekly

*Please share this important information with all VESTA members*

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA office  
4pm unless otherwise  
indicated.*

### April 17

Sustainability  
Movie Night!!!

### April 18

Good Friday—  
VESTA office closed

### April 21

Easter Monday  
VESTA office closed

### April 29

Adult Ed Executive  
10:00-12:00



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## VSBC Preliminary Budget for 2014–15

VESTA submitted our collective response to the VSBC's Board of Trustees on April 14. We noted with great dismay that the burden of the proposed cuts in the Preliminary Budget falls heavily and squarely on those elementary students who have the greatest needs. These proposed cuts hurt the education of our students, damage the delivery of educational programs, and adversely impact teachers who struggle to provide for the educational and socio-emotional needs of their students.

While there are no planned layoffs in K–12, our VESTA Adult Educators will face layoffs. If you would like to read VESTA's submission, visit [www.vesta.ca](http://www.vesta.ca) under *Documents—Other Documents*.

## Pro-D Day April 28 – Sustainability Conference

There will be second Sustainability Conference this year on **2014 April 28** at Hamber Secondary, a short walk from the Oakridge-41st Avenue Canada Line station. The day will include an exciting panel of keynote speakers, a Q&A session, a zero-waste lunch with an Educator's Luncheon, two workshops from a choice of 11, a NGO Fair and a Planning session. If you are unable to attend the entire day's event, please join in the afternoon!

Visit website <http://vsb-sustainabilityconference.com> for more information and registration. Elementary teachers are particularly welcome!

## Rogers Arena Workers Need You!

Rogers Arena recently informed over 1000 food and beverage workers that they would have to re-apply for their jobs online – jobs that many have held for 19 years. If they don't, their job is terminated. Many workers are single moms and immigrants. Show these workers that the Vancouver community stands alongside them in the face of this senseless attack!

UNITE HERE! Local 40 will be holding **Job Application Workshops** to help laid off workers re-apply for their jobs before the April 30 deadline. They need help to submit a resumé and cover letter. Please bring your laptop for this task.

**Where:** UNITE HERE Local 40 Office, 4180 Lougheed Hwy, Burnaby 2 blocks north of Gilmore Skytrain.

**When:** Fri., April 12: 12-8; Tues. April 22: 11-7; Fri. April 25: 11-7; any part shift. Contact Lianna at 604.813.2105 or at [HireUsFirst@gmail.com](mailto:HireUsFirst@gmail.com) to volunteer.

## Coming Events

### TTOC BBQ/SWAP MEET – Friday, June 20

The annual TTOC Swap Meet/BBQ has been scheduled for Friday, June 20 at the VESTA office. This is an opportunity for beginning teachers or those new to a grade level to come and browse through teaching resources donated by other teachers. Experienced teachers may drop off “gently used” teaching resources to the VESTA office on June 18 and 19.

### VESTA AGM on Tuesday, May 20 at Vancouver Museum

The meeting starts at 4:00 pm, with refreshments available about 5:30 pm.