



Stronger Together

2015 September 11

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated.

September 15
Executive Committee Meeting

September 22
Staff Rep Assembly @ Tupper

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First-time Staff Rep Training, 1–3pm

October 6, 7 and 8
SURT @ Croatian Cultural Centre

October 14
Pension Plan Consultation Meeting 4pm @ Tupper

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Pension Plan Consultations

The BCTF is consulting all members of the Teachers' Pension Plan including teachers, principals, vice-principals and superintendents on the future of our pension plan. Please attend this important session on plan design changes at 4pm, October 14 in the Tupper auditorium to learn more.

Curriculum Change: What is expected of teachers this year?

If you wish, you can explore the new curriculum but no one is required to use it this school year and no one should feel pressured to do so. Currently, there are 11 curriculum areas and new core competencies posted on the Ministry's *Transforming Curriculum and Assessment* website. The BCTF continues to advocate for sufficient implementation funding to support the draft curriculum. Funding for curriculum implementation is the responsibility of the school district and Ministry of Education. Teachers are not required to use their professional development funds or days for implementation of the new curriculum.

October 23 Professional Development — PSA Day

BCTF Provincial Specialist Associations (PSAs) offer many PD opportunities for teachers. Check out the [PSA conference brochure](#) on the BCTF website. Register now to ensure your attendance.

Upcoming Federal Election — 2015 October 19

Are you registered to vote in the upcoming Federal election? Go to the [Elections Canada](#) website to check, update or register to vote. Check out studentvote.ca to bring this exciting program to your school.

Parking Update

At the final VSB board meeting of the year on June 29 the VSB trustees voted in favour of cancelling the plan to introduce pay parking at Vancouver schools. Parking will remain free of charge.

Adult Education

The BCTF and FPSE call on government to reverse cuts to adult education. Check out VESTA Adult Education sublocal president, Chris Murphy speaking out against the cuts at livestream.com/BCTF/Sep10