



*Stronger Together*

2015 September 18

# Staff Rep Weekly

*Please share this important information with all VESTA members*

## Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated.

**September 22**  
New Staff Rep Training  
1–3 pm @ VESTA

**September 22**  
Staff Rep Assembly  
4pm @ Tupper

**September 24**  
TTOC Committee

**October 6, 7, 8**  
SURT @ Croatian Cultural Centre  
9am—3pm

**October 14**  
Pension Plan Consultation Meeting  
4pm @ Tupper



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### Application for Change in Salary Category

Have you increased your qualifications? You must submit proof to the board by September 30 for the reclassification to be effective from September 1. Please submit your request to HR with the proper documentation.

### Collaborative Inquiry Information Workshop

A Planning for Collaborative Inquiry Proposals Workshop is being offered at the VSB on **September 24 from 4—5:30pm in Room 180**. This is an opportunity for individuals or for schools to receive information and ask questions related to drafting and submitting an inquiry proposal. The full information package along with application forms will come to schools during the last week of September.

### Free Professional Development Opportunity

UBC Faculty of Education is delivering a **Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)** titled *Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education*. This is a **free 6-week online course** that begins on **2015 September 29**.

Participants will learn about Indigenous Education through the lens of reconciliation, and will engage with educational leaders and resources that provide direction for how education programs and teaching practices can be modified in order to meaningfully integrate Indigenous knowledge, world views and pedagogies in classrooms, schools and communities. To learn more watch an introductory video to the course and review the answers to FAQs at [pdce.educ.ubc.ca/MOOC](http://pdce.educ.ubc.ca/MOOC)

### Looking for information before you vote?

Go to the website [betterchoice.ca](http://betterchoice.ca) for some important information to consider before you vote October 19.

### Check out the new BCTF Initiative to Help Teachers Manage Stress

Starling is a science-based program designed for BC teachers that gives you the knowledge, tools and skills to overcome emotional distress and take control of your mental health. Check out [starlingminds.com](http://starlingminds.com) for more.