



Stronger Together

2015 October 2

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated.

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

October 13
Executive Meeting

October 14
Pension Plan Consultation, 4pm, Tupper Secondary

October 20
Staff Rep Assembly
Tupper, 4pm



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New in-service days to support implementation of new curriculum

The BCTF and the Ministry of Education have come to an agreement to support the implementation of the new curriculum. The BCTF has been able to secure two new in-service days for 2015-16, plus two days in each of the following two years. These days will be on top of the existing professional days and there are no new minutes added to the school year. The framework for the curriculum implementation in-service is being worked out at the BCTF and the Ministry. Stay tuned for more information on how this plan will roll out in our district.

First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) Website

There are many teaching materials and resources connected to the residential schools learning outcomes available on this website. As well, the primary resource [In Our Own Words, K-Grade 3 Authentic Resources](#) is also available online.

Are you 65 or have you reached Factor 90?

You can withdraw from the long-term portion of the SIP if you have reached age 64 or have reached factor 88 and have sufficient accumulated sick leave. To get an [withdrawal form](#) for the long-term section of the Salary Indemnity Plan go to www.BCTF.ca or call the BCTF Income Security Division at 604-871-1921.

Reminder – Book your TOC for SURT

Please be sure to book your TOC for the SURT through SFE as soon as possible. There will be high demand for TOCs next week due to the VESTA training and schools trying to book make-up prep time in advance of the long weekend. Book early to ensure that you have your vacancy covered by a TOC.

My Ed BC

Staff Reps voted unanimously in favour of the motion: *THAT VESTA members do not use My Ed. BC software.* My Ed BC is the new information system that replaces BCeSIS. As we did not input attendance data into BCeSIS, and in light of the many concerns about the technical difficulties and the security of the system, we have reaffirmed our position.

Election

Under Elections Canada rules we are unable to release members to work on campaigns. If you wish to work in your riding do so on your own time or access unpaid personal leave.