



*Stronger Together*

2016 May 5

# Staff Rep Weekly

*Please share this important information with all VESTA members*

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated*

**May 10**  
Executive Committee

**May 11**  
Aboriginal Awareness Resource Fair

**May 17**  
VESTA AGM  
Tupper Cafeteria, 4pm

**May 24**  
Executive Committee

**May 27, 28**  
BCTF Rep Assembly



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## VBE/VTF Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP)

If members are intending to retire and meet the eligibility requirements of the ERIP they should submit a letter to Human Resources—Vancouver Board of Education by May 31. The letter should state that you are going to retire as of June 30 and that you are interested in the Early Retirement Incentive Plan. Please print your full name and school on the letter. There should be a copy of the document entitled *How a Teacher Retires from the VBE...* in every school. See your administrator or staff rep if you cannot find it.

## Canada's Long-form Census is Back!

The 2016 Census Teacher's Kit has been developed for use in elementary, intermediate and secondary classes across the country. All activities are classroom-ready and have been reviewed to meet curriculum requirements. Get your teacher's kit (guide and activities) at [Statistics Canada](http://StatisticsCanada).

## Curriculum Feedback from Teachers

If you were not able to attend the Curriculum Feedback Session held on Tuesday, May 3 at the VESTA office but would like to provide feedback from your staff or as an individual teacher, you can email your response to [chloe@vesta.ca](mailto:chloe@vesta.ca) by May 10. You can also email the BCTF directly at [curriculumdesign@bctf.ca](mailto:curriculumdesign@bctf.ca). The Ministry of Education is also looking for feedback on the new Applied Design, Skills and Technologies curriculum. If you access the curriculum website there is a direct link to give feedback on this draft of the curriculum.

## Teaching for Reconciliation

In addition to the BCTF Project of the Heart Document there are three new Grade 5 residential school teaching resources available at the following links:

[Project of Heart: Illuminating the Hidden History of Residential Schools in BC](#) and [First Nations Education Steering Committee](#).

## Teacher Regulation Branch Fees

Please remind teachers (including TOCs) to check their paystubs to ensure that the TRB fees have been deducted. If fees have not been deducted, payment must be submitted to the Teacher Regulation Branch by May 31.