



*Stronger Together*

2016 October 12

# Staff Rep Weekly

*Please share this important information with all VESTA members*

## Dates to Remember

*Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated*

### October 17

Professional Issues Committee

### October 18

Staff Rep Assembly  
Tupper

### October 24

TTOC Committee

### October 25

Executive Meeting

### October 26

Health & Safety Committee



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## Pro-D Opportunity: Student Vote Workshop

### Engaging Students in the Democratic Process through the Student Vote: Putting the Student in Student Vote

This FREE workshop will be facilitated by Grade 5/6/7 teacher, Jody Polukoshko at the VESTA office on Friday, October 21 from 9-12pm. Please register by email to [vilmam@vesta.ca](mailto:vilmam@vesta.ca). Posters should be available in your school this week.

## FSA Pilot

Teachers should have received an email from the BCTF informing them of the position that the BCTF Executive has taken regarding the piloting for the new FSA assessment. The BCTF Executive Committee is, at this point, advising all members not to volunteer for this elementary assessment pilot.

Please inform the VESTA office if you are asked to do so. There is further background information on this motion available on the portal as well as updated FSA materials for the 2017 FSA Assessment coming in January or February.

## Supreme Court of Canada Case Timeline

On 2016 November 10 the Supreme Court of Canada will hear the BCTF's arguments regarding Bill 27 and 28. Each side will have an hour to present new information for the court to consider. Once these arguments have been presented it could take six months for the court to announce its decision. Union groups across Canada are watching the outcome of this case closely as its outcome will impact labour groups across the nation.

## BC Fed Delegates Conference

The deadline to submit your BC Federation Delegate application is Friday, October 14. Twelve delegates will be elected at the next General Meeting held on Tuesday, October 18. The conference is being held at the Vancouver Convention Center from 2016 November 28—December 2. If you are interested in being a delegate please fill out the CV forms that Staff Reps should have received and posted in the school. The completed forms can be faxed to the VESTA office.

## Bursary for a Child of a VESTA Member

Each year VESTA awards a \$1,000 bursary to a child of a VESTA member. The criteria for the bursary is that it be awarded to an active VESTA member in good standing, and the child must be a public secondary school graduate attending a post-secondary institution during the 2016—2017 year. Applications can be found on the VESTA website. Please submit applications to the VESTA office. The deadline for applications is Friday 2016 December 2. The bursary will be drawn on Wednesday, December 7 at the Staff Rep Assembly.