



Stronger Together

2016 October 26

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

October 26

Health & Safety Committee

November 1

New Teachers' Induction

November 3

Social Justice Committee

November 8

Executive Committee



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Report Cards – Ministerial Reporting Order

The VESTA IHTOs have contacted a Director of Instruction and are seeking some clarification regarding 1st term report cards. New information has been provided by the government that will hopefully help to clarify this. We will email Staff Reps directly when we have more information. Stay tuned!

MyEdBC VESTA Policy Reminder

A reminder to all VESTA members that we previously carried a motion at an Executive Committee meeting on 2015 September 15 and at the Staff Rep Assembly on 2015 September 22. The policy states, *THAT VESTA members not use MyEdBC software*. Once a motion has become policy, that policy applies to all members.

Pro-D Funds

Pro-D Chairs/Committees will now be dealing with reimbursing teachers for their registrations for the PSA Day, October 21. Please remember there are three sources of funding to assist with PSA Day registrations. Both the Joint Conference Fund 2015—2016 rollover amount and the Joint Conference Fund 2016—2017 current amount can be accessed for the October 21 PSA registrations. Staff Committee is part of the decision making process around the Joint Conference Fund. In addition to the Joint Conference Funds, the District Professional Development Committee supported the decision to vary the use of 2015—2016 rollover amount in the Professional and Staff Development Fund so that the 2015—2016 rollover amount can also be accessed to assist with individuals' PSA Day fees. Between the Joint Conference Fund rollover and current allocation **plus** the Professional and Staff Development Fund 2015-2016 rollover only, Pro-D Chairs/Committees will be able to support teachers who attended PSA Day Conferences.—
VESTA Professional Issues Committee Co-chairs

Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) Participation

The MDI was developed by the Human Early Learning Partnership at UBC. This is a voluntary survey given to Grade 4 and 7 students asking for their thoughts about 5 different areas: social and emotional development, physical health and well-being, connectedness, after-school time, and school experiences. Participation in the survey is voluntary for schools and teachers. Parents and children also have the opportunity to opt out if they wish. A motion was passed at the Executive Committee, *THAT VESTA support the Middle Years Development Index (MDI) based on teacher voluntary participation—2016 Oct 25 EC*. Teachers can view the results from their school online. Please let teachers know that it is their choice if they would like to participate in the MDI. Administrators will have more information if teachers are interested.