



Stronger Together

2017 January 26

VESTA Weekly

Topics Worth Talking about! Please read and discuss with your colleagues.

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

January 29

Adult Ed General Meeting, 11am

January 30

Student Vote Workshop, 9am

January 31

Social Justice and Solidarity Committee

February 1

SURT for Staff Reps at Maritime Labour Centre



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FSA (Foundational Skills Assessment) Marking

An invitation has gone out asking for interested teachers to mark the FSA. The BCTF has policy stating that:

Unless the Ministry of Education changes to a random sampling with neither schools nor students identified, in the 2008-09 school year, teachers will not prepare for, administer or mark the FSAs.

Therefore, as it goes against BCTF policy, teachers should not be participating in marking the FSA.

Guest Speaker Daysi Marquez at VESTA

The VTF is excited to host Daysi Marquez as a guest speaker on Tuesday, January 31, 4pm at the VESTA office. Daysi is president of the Honduran high school teachers' organization COPEMH's women's network and the coordinator of its Non-Sexist and Inclusive Pedagogy program. The COPEMH Women's Network helps to train Honduran public school teachers in applying democratic, inclusive, and gender aware NSIP approaches to different subjects across the curriculum. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Please email joanne@vesta.ca by noon on Monday, January 30 if you are planning to attend.

Process to Increase Teaching Time for Part-time Teachers for MOA Funding

Additional FTE will be coming to schools that were prioritized through the MOA funding process this week. Any teacher interested in increasing their teaching time at their site should inform their administrator. The increase in time will start on February 1.

Principals have received the *Change in Teaching Time form* that needs to be filled out and returned to the board as soon as possible. If there is more than one teacher wishing to increase their time, offers of increase should be made according to seniority if there is not enough FTE available for everyone interested.