



Stronger Together

2017 March 8

VESTA Weekly

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

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

March 8

Living with Balance
LOU #17 Vote, 8am-5pm

March 9

LOU #17 Vote, 8am-5pm
TTOC Committee
Social Justice Committee

March 10

LOU #17 Vote, 8am-1pm

March 28

Executive Committee

March 29

Retirement Workshop



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Countdown for Change: 9 weeks to Election Day!

From now to May 9 we will be asking teachers to take one small actionable step every week to make sure Public Education is a high priority issue in the upcoming election and that we elect a government that can be trusted with our students' future.

This week's action item: Register to vote or update your address with Elections BC. It only takes 5 minutes! Share on social media and check that your family and friends are registered too!

Student Vote: Engage your students in the provincial election

Elementary and high schools across the province will have an opportunity to engage their students in the May 2017 BC provincial election through the Student Vote Program.

Student Vote enables teachers to bring democracy alive in the classroom and empowers students to experience the democratic process and cast a ballot for the official candidates running in the provincial elections. More than 150,000 students are expected to participate.

Participating schools receive a variety of educational materials to teach government, democracy and the electoral process, and to encourage research into the issues, parties and candidates. Authentic ballots and ballot boxes are also provided for the co-ordination of Student Vote Day.

The program is free and materials are available in English and French. To register go to www.studentvote.ca

Deadline for Vacate Cards

March 15 before 4:30 pm is the deadline for employees who commit to a transfer. Please note the last day of school is March 10 and there will be no blue bag delivery. Cards should be hand delivered to the HR between March 13-15 to ensure the timeline is met.

Spring Timelines – March 31 Deadlines

- Teachers returning from leave must notify HR, in writing, of intent to return to work for September 2017 by 4:30pm March 31.
- Part-time teachers wishing to increase their FTE at their current school must notify their principals using the Request for Increase/Change in Teaching Time for desired FTE for 2017 September by 4:30pm March 31.
- Teachers wishing to apply for leaves of one year or longer beginning September 2017 must submit applications to HR by 4:30pm March 31.