



Stronger Together

2017 April 5

VESTA Weekly

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

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

April 10

Professional Issues Committee

TTOC Committee

April 11

Executive Committee

April 13

Retirement Workshop

April 18

Staff Rep Assembly at Tupper



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Countdown for Change – 5 weeks to Election Day!

Find out who the candidates in your riding are and where they stand on public education at [Elections BC](#).

Like/follow VESTA and BCTF on Facebook and Twitter. Share a personal story on social media about how 15 years of cuts have impacted you and your students. Watch for our ads and share widely.

It's about more than education! Housing affordability, climate change and the environment, healthcare and social services, affordable child care.... Find a news article about an election issue that matters to you most and share it on social media.

Contact jill@vesta.ca if you are able to help distribute, VESTA sponsored, election campaign materials in Vancouver neighbourhoods this weekend. All election related materials need to be distributed prior to April 11, when the official writ comes down.

VSB Budget Timelines

This year the VSB is developing a five-year financial plan to accompany and support the five-year strategic plan that was adopted earlier this year. The timeline for stakeholder and public consultation is on the [VSB website](#) and will take place throughout the month of April.

Teachers are one of the stakeholder groups and our participation in these meetings is through our VESTA reps at the Committee III/V meetings. If individual teachers or groups of teachers have concerns they should submit them to the VESTA in-house table officers.

Teachers are advised not to send letters to VSB staff or to the official trustee on their own behalf. As employees of the school board it is not advisable to criticize the decisions of your employer. VESTA representatives have been appointed to speak on behalf of all teachers.

We have a Staff Rep Assembly scheduled for Tuesday, April 18. This is an opportunity for all members to come and share their concerns or ask your staff rep to present the concerns of your staff. The budget will come to a special board meeting on April 26 for final adoption and approval.