



Stronger Together

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VESTA Weekly

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

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

May 8
Executive Committee

May 9
Election Day!

May 10
Post & Fill Workshop
Retirement Seminar

May 11
Post & Fill Workshop

May 15
TTOC Committee

May 16
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Countdown for Change – 5 days to Election Day, May 9

Advance Polling Stations are open Wednesday to Saturday this week. Take a look at your voting card or check online at [Elections BC Advance Voting Information](#) for locations and hours in your neighbourhood. Avoid the lineups and the rush home through traffic on May 9 and vote in the advance polls.

This election is going to be very close according to all predictions and every vote will count. Make a plan to vote in the advance polls, talk to your friends and family about the importance of this election, and go out to support your local candidate on election day.

On April 28 *Burnaby Now* held an interview with BC Liberal leader Christy Clark around the current local issues in education. The interviewer asks some tough and candid questions about the Supreme Court of Canada decision restoring our contact language. If you are interested in viewing the whole interview please go to [Burnaby Now](#).

School Organizations

Preliminary organizations are being shared in schools this week. VESTA will be hosting our Post and Fill Workshop, May 10 and May 11.

Please do not participate in making recommendations regarding staffing organizations with your administrators until your school rep has come to the Post and Fill workshop.

Reminder: Student Learning Survey

We have heard that satisfaction surveys are now in schools. If administrators ask you to conduct the survey with students, please remind them of the following BCTF policy 9.B.17:

THAT the BCTF oppose the use of instructional time for the administration of student surveys, and advise members that administrative officers have the sole responsibility for the distribution of both the parent and student surveys. (Mar 02, Ex)

If you are directed to conduct the survey, please contact the VESTA office.

The BCTF also has policy that teachers do not participate in completing the surveys. Policy 9.A.22:

THAT teachers no longer participate in the government's satisfaction survey. (Nov. 3, RA)